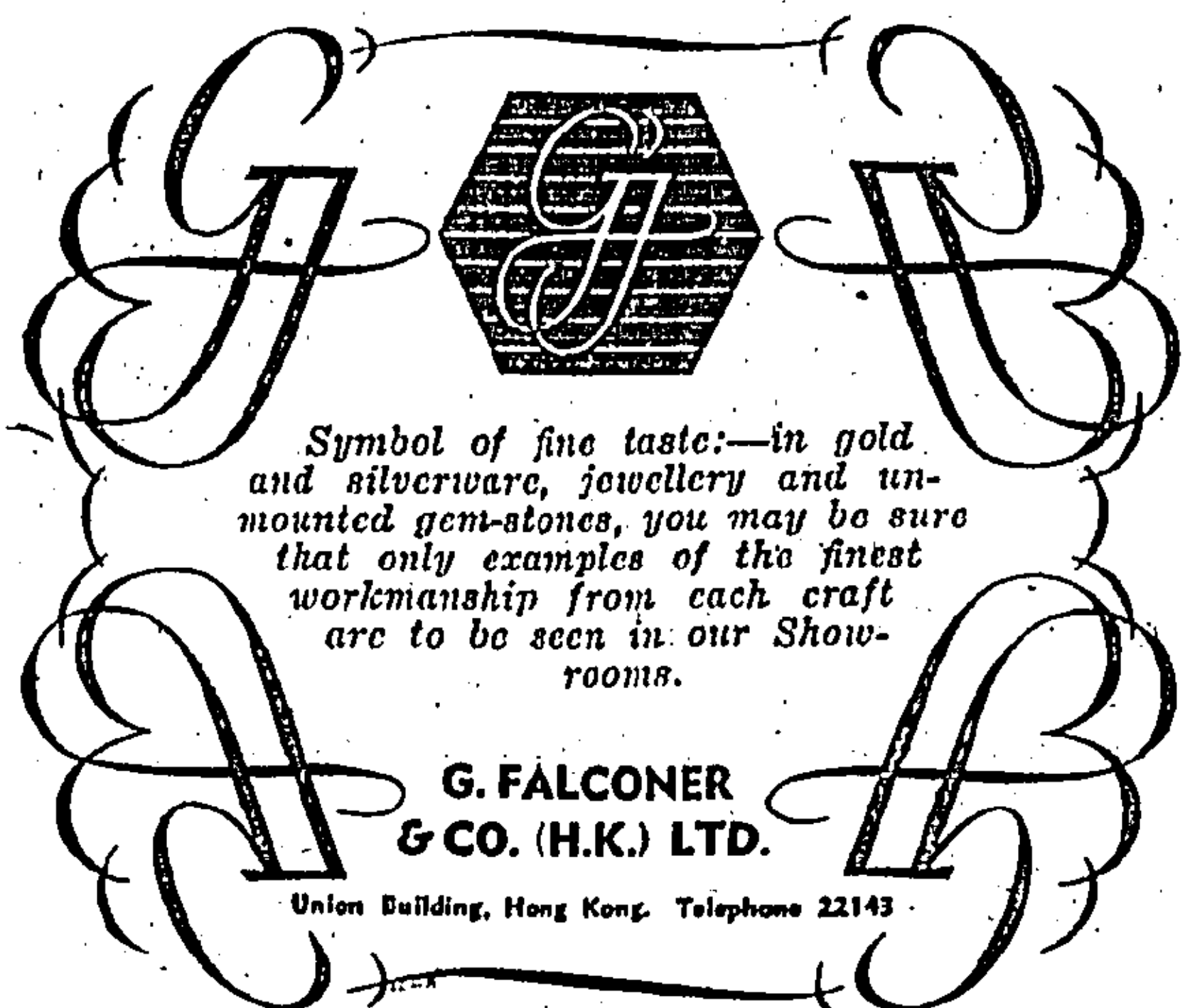


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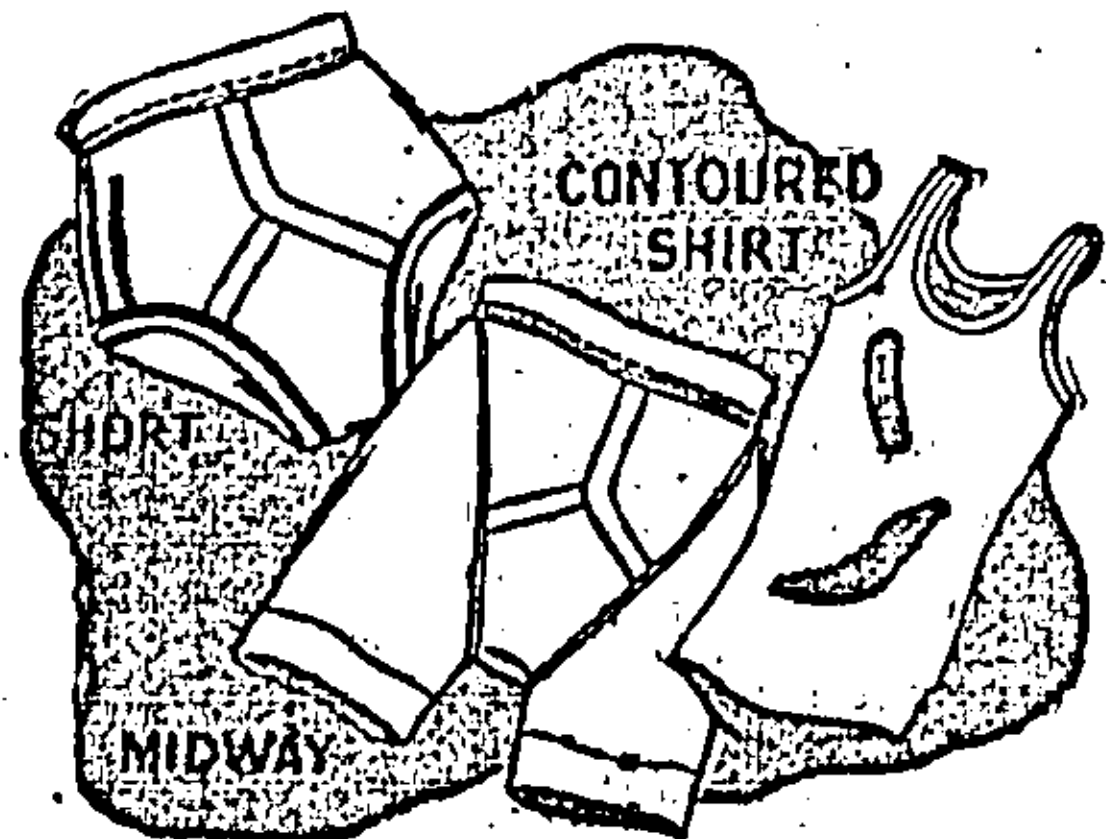
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The designer calls this a "hansom cab" design; the gent who invented those carriages, like the sleeves, was Victorian.

By PRUNELLA WOOD

A VERY good entrance frock, this dressy late afternoon model, ready for special occasions such as the wedding reception, the pay-back-everybody-you-know tea party.

It is made of brown brocade, with narrow skirt and high waisted bolero top; the buttons are mink, suggesting a tie-up with your best winter coat, and mink also are the melon muff and ribbon trimmed cap. This is the silhouette towards which we are drifting, and it is probably high time you saw your corsetiere about the whole matter.

Household Hint

A lamp to be used on table or desk should be about 15 inches from the table to the bottom of the shade. If it is taller, the white lining of the shade may cause glare in the eyes. A short floor lamp, about 45 inches from the floor to the bottom of the shade, is usually better than a taller lamp.

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HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR ELECTRIC APPLIANCES

By ELEANOR ROSS

LET'S go over small electrical appliances today and offer little suggestions that will help in making these useful servants stay on the job without having to take time out for repairs. For we are told that brand-new post-war appliances already are having to be fixed, mainly because of careless handling. And apart from this, a little care should keep table appliances sweet and clean, not greasy.

The toaster requires a good brush-off with a nice soft brush or cloth. And it doesn't want to get the life shaken out of it trying to get rid of the crumbs. So many of today's toasters are made with a slide-out tray to take care of the crumbs, but it seems that often the tray stays just where it is, as though it had been fixed.

The Toaster

Don't stab a toaster with a fork because a crumb or raisin gets caught in it. That practice is often the cause of a short-circuit and the fork-wielder will be due for a shock. Don't try to make greasy sandwiches in a toaster. It just doesn't work. Get a sandwich cooker and keep it nice and fresh. Only too often the sandwich grill is taken out, put to work, and then put back without being thoroughly cleaned of all grease traces. And after a while, stale grease starts to smell funny. The same thing goes for the waffle iron. It becomes greasy and discoloured if it isn't properly cleaned. It should be heated to the required temperature first, then wiped off after each use and kept wide open to cool. If waffles burn, scour the grid with a good stiff brush. If not, there'll be waffles that stick, and the iron will get the blame, and then will start the poking and shaking that will wreck it.

Keep your electric mixer clean, too, and don't put it away with dough clinging to its beaters and flour in the air vents on its motor hood. It has to take a harmful whipping when you try to remove batter by beating the beaters on the bowl. And don't mix too much dough at one time, a cause of motor strain that eventually leads to a motor break-down. Those not familiar with a mixer should study long and often the instruction book and abide by the rules.

Roaster

Keep an electrical roaster clean. Use a shallow roasting pan to cook a roast instead of placing it directly in the cooking well. That way you just scrape the pan clean, not the bottom of the cooker, which is of

WOMEN'S NEW CRAZE FOR WIGS

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. EVERYBODY is tearing out his hair in postboom Hollywood and there's a serious shortage of wig-makers to put it back in.

The movietown now has 80 experienced wig-makers wiring together the toupées with which no leading man is complete.

"They can't keep up with our orders much longer," an expert Hollywood leading hair-restorer, said worriedly. "More people are ordering hairpieces every day. Conditions are bad."

He thinks, the more that studios try to save money, the more they'll have to spend on wigs. Worry over options drives men into the false forehead class. Women stars buy wigs because the studio no longer pays for the two hours a day it takes to get their own hair fixed. The trouble is that these days not enough mothers are teaching their daughters to make wigs.

Wig-making School

"When this department was first set up to meet movie studio hair needs 30 years ago, every girl had learned her trade from her mother," said Fred Fredericks, wig department chief.

Since mothers no longer do their part, Fredericks has started a school in which apprentices are being paid to learn wig-making and kindred hair arts. The 31 students who some day may rescue a bald movie industry won't make a wig for three to seven years.

Now they just learn and practice a tricky little knot, done with a gadget like a crochet needle, that fixes wig hairs, one by one, into a fine lace mesh "scalp."

This Hollywood wig department has the staff now to supply complete coiffures for seven or eight period costume pictures. They haven't had a job doing that, however, since Ingrid Bergman made "Joan of Arc."

The Ingrid Bob

"We had a terrific battle 10 years ago doing over a thousand ornate wigs for 'Marie Antoinette,'" Fredericks said. "But we did double that number for 'Forever Amber' and even more for 'Joan of Arc' with no strain."

To meet the requirements of "Joan of Arc," Fredericks styled Miss Bergman's hair into a very short bob. It's unfortunate, he said, that women are copying it.

"They're going to get bored," he warned, "because the minute you cut your hair very short you limit the number of things you can do with it. Miss Bergman would not have had her hair cut unless the story absolutely demanded it."

A great many women, actresses and otherwise, who fell for the short haircut now are rushing to Fredericks. They want some new hair to cover it up.

Teeth Need Regular Care



Realising that nice teeth are an important beauty asset, Movie Star Terry Moore gives hers good care.

By HELEN FOLLETT

UNLESS a girl's teeth are white and shining, in perfect condition, her smile is a lost asset. Your good-looking reporter hears that Hollywood dentists, whose patients are connected with the movies, are doted weeks ahead, that every lovely girl knows how important it is to keep the teeth in fine state. The slightest imperfection is corrected. And don't think that these celebrated stars neglect home care. After every meal and at bed time, teeth are brushed. Not just whisked over, but thoroughly groomed.

Much might be written about the connection between teeth and health. A sensitive tooth means that food is not properly chewed, or that chewing goes on only on one side of the mouth, denying the other teeth and other gums from the exercise they need for well being. Then enamel deterioration may set in. That means that cavities will form or infections may ensue.

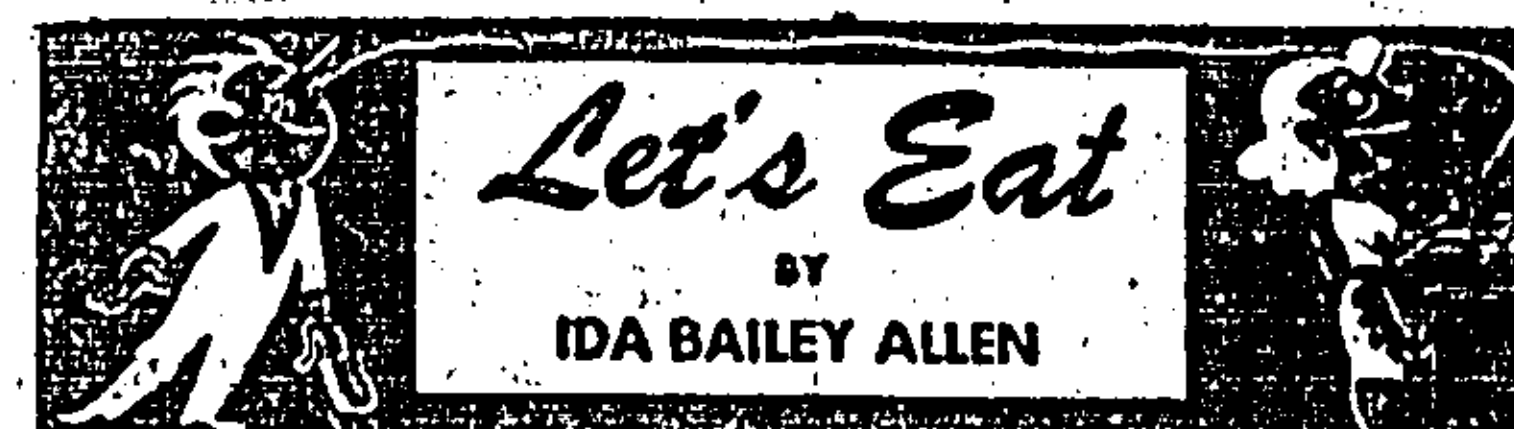
While dentists acknowledge that even clean teeth may decay, it remains a fact that the toothbrush is

about the only hope we have for keeping them in good condition. You should have two brushes, so that a dry one will be available each day. Brushes must not be too firm. They must not be forced against the gums. Place the brushes close to the roots of the teeth, sweep downward. Scour inner and outer and biting surfaces as well.

If there is difficulty in reaching the back teeth with a brush, it may be necessary for you to change to a smaller one. The size of the brush for your particular mouth is important.

If food lodges between the teeth and you must use dental floss, be wary and gentle. To saw into the flesh is to cause a wound; any wound invites germs to enter and set up housekeeping.

After brushing, use a lotion to flush away foreign matter. If you don't happen to have a preparation at hand, dissolve one half teaspoonful of salt and one half teaspoonful of baking soda in a glass of warm water and use freely.



A Jewel Tart Is Easily Made

ONE of the most fashionable restaurants in New York City, located opposite Central Park, specialises in desserts, pastries, and coffee continental style.

"I like to come here because it reminds me of Paris," remarked the Chef.

Pastry Table

"Look at that gorgeous pastry table!" I exclaimed. "Nut layer cake, petits fours, decorated eclairs and cream puffs, French pastries of all kinds. And what is that gorgeous big pastry on the high pedestal in the middle?"

"Let's go and look," said the Chef. At close range it was even more beautiful. It proved to be a huge tart, topped with various kinds of seasonal fruits arranged in a pattern like a mosaic, and held together by a transparent glaze that made them glisten like jewels.

"Caroon, a piece of that fruit tart for Madame," the Chef ordered. "Also a piece for me, and plenty of cafe creme."

"This fresh fruit tart tastes as good as it looks," I said. "Let's give the recipe to our readers. I'm sure they'd like to serve it for afternoon or evening refreshments, or at a special dinner."

"This will not be difficult to make," remarked the Chef. "The pastry shell is made of French tart pastry to which chopped almonds have been added. It is baked in advance. Then in the tart shell is spread a layer of cooked cream filling about 1/2 inch thick. And on top the fruits are arranged in a pattern, and over them is poured a thin soft glaze to keep them from discolouring from the air."

"Like many other gorgeous desserts, this is really quite simple," I observed. "And if reasonable inexpensive fruits are bought, it can be even within the budget."

How To Make Jewel Tart

Direction for making this delectable tart consist of three parts, almond pastry; cream filling; and fruit topping.

Almond Pastry

Blanch and put 2 oz. almond meats twice through a nut chopper or fine blade of a food chopper. Add to 2 c. flour, 1/2 c. sifted powdered sugar, 1/3 tsp. salt, and the grated rind of 1/2 lemon. Heap in the bowl, making a "well." Into this put 1/2 c. margarine and 2 egg yolks. Chop and mix in with a pastry blender. When the mixture is the consistency of coarse bran, gradually add 8 1/2 tbsp. cold water. Roll 1/4 in. thick. Line a 10" pie plate with it, pressing the pastry lightly into the bottom and up the sides; prick it down over the edge. Prick in several places with the teeth of a fork. Bake in a hot oven, 400 to 425 F. until light golden brown. Then cool.

Cream Filling: Use a prepared vanilla dessert and make with 1 pint

milk; or make up a pint of any thick cooked cream filling and flavoured with vanilla or almond. Cool.

Fruit Topping: Choose fresh or well-drained tinned fruits of contrasting colour. That will make an attractive pattern. The centre might be blueberries, red cherries or blackberries. Next might be a ring of small halved apricots; then one of ripe red plums; for a border edging choose drained, tinned, whole green figs.

To Put the Tart Together: Cool the almond pastry shell. Spread in the cooled cream filling. Arrange the fruits on this in a pattern and at once pour over a glaze, previously made and half cooled. Dust with 3 tbsp. chopped toasted almonds.

Fruit Glaze: Combine 3/4 cup water and 1/3 cup sugar with the rind of 1/2 lemon, and boil 2 min. Add 1 tsp. cornstarch, or arrowroot blended with 1 tsp. cold water; cook and stir until boiling rapidly all over. Strain. Half cool and pour over the fruit.

Dinner

Sliced Tomato Platter Rye Bread
Glazed Chopped Beef Patties
Mushroom Sauce
Potatoes O'Brien Spinach
Jewel Tart
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
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Glazed Chopped Beef Patties

Rub a qt.-sized mixing bowl with a cut section of garlic. Put in 1 lb. chopped raw beef but through the grinder twice. Add 1 tbsp. water, 1 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper and mix thoroughly. Shape into round cakes 1/2 in. thick; brush on both sides with kitchen bouquet. Fry gently in a heavy skillet containing a little melted beef fat. Allow 10 min. if to be well done; 8 min. if rare. Serve plain or with brown mushroom sauce.

Brown Mushroom Sauce: Melt 3 tbsp. margarine or butter and stir in 4 tbsp. flour. Cook and stir until blended. Slowly add 2 c. brown soup stock, (or use 2 c. water and 2 bouillon cubes). Bring to a boil; then stir in 1 (3 oz.) tin sliced mushroom caps, stems and liquid; add 1/4 tsp. liquid gravy seasoning. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Potatoes O'Brien
To 1 qt. peeled, diced white potatoes, add 1 1/2 tbsp. each minced parsley and onion, 4 minced medium-sized green and red peppers, 1 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Melt 4 tbsp. vegetable fat in a large, heavy skillet. Turn in the potato mixture; slowly fry until the potatoes are golden brown and the peppers tender.

Trick Of The Chef

For a special flavour for spinach, add a little pickled carrot and vinegar to season.

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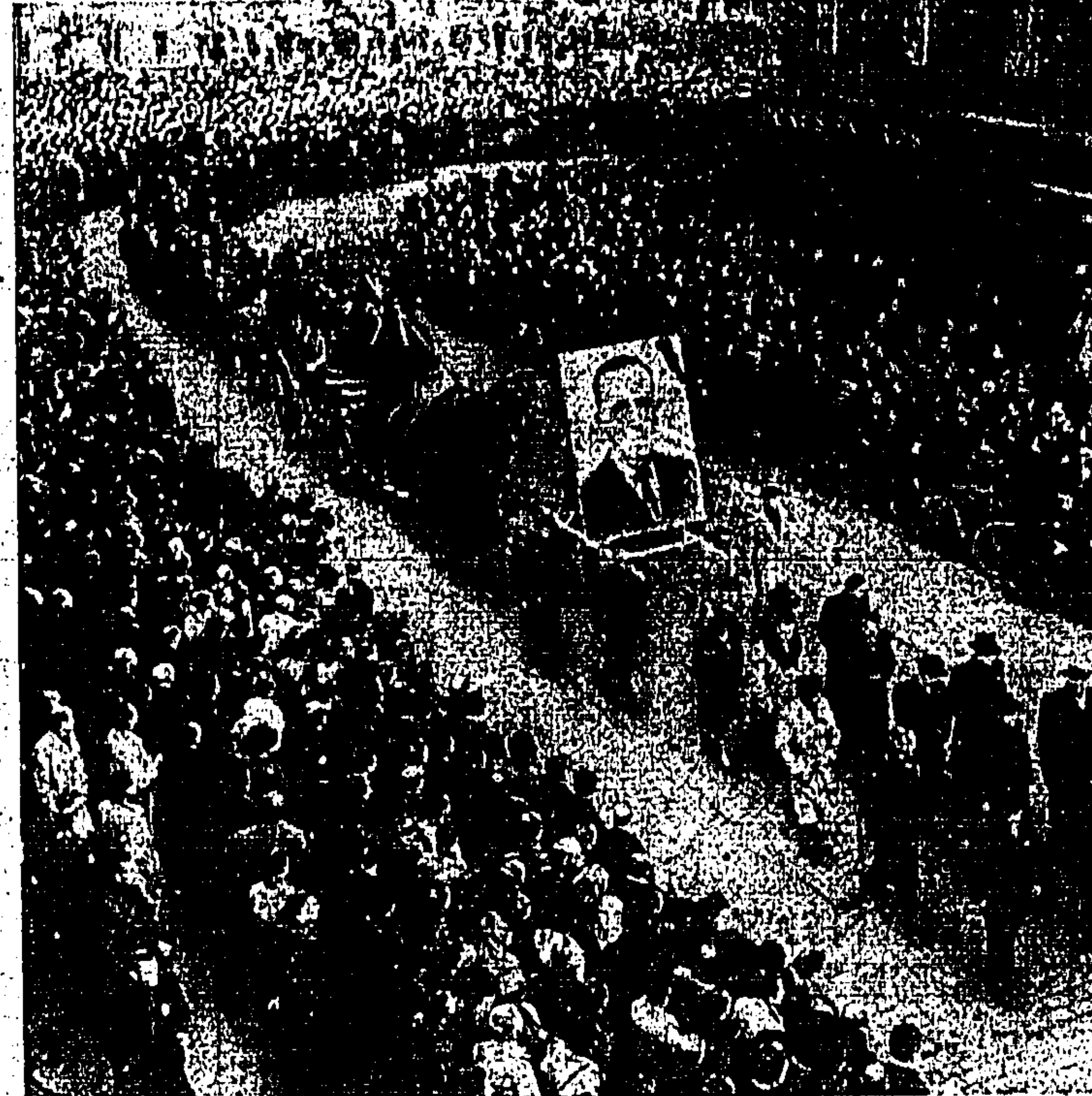
TREASURE TROVE—Two policemen look over part of \$10,000 found on a Trenton, New Jersey, car park operated by an 84-year-old recluse who had been taken to hospital suffering from malnutrition and gangrenous feet.



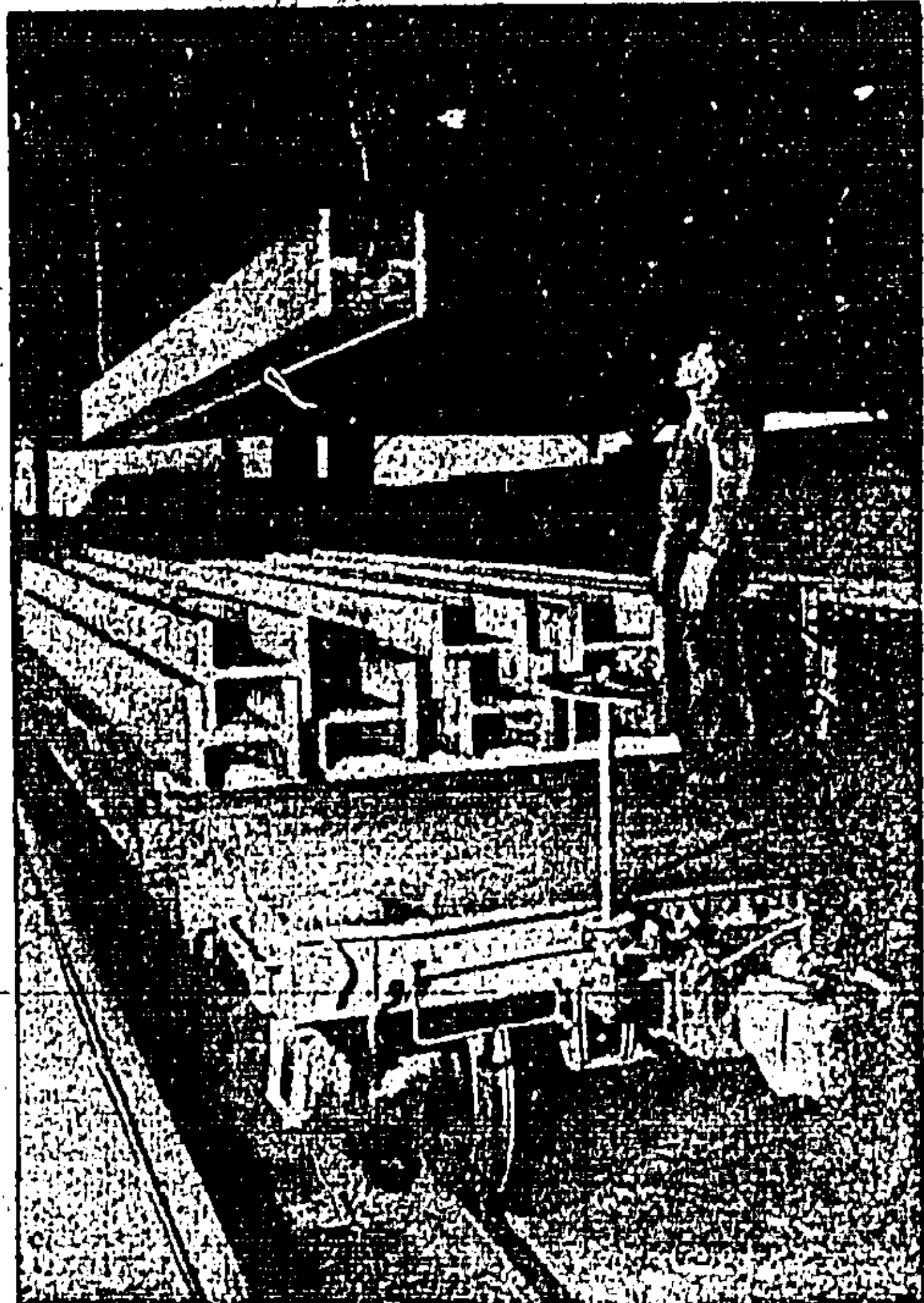
THREE LITTLE KITTENS—One cat seems to want to roam but the other three nestle snugly into the lap of Hollywood star Terry Moore, who was recently selected chairman of America's National Cat Week.



RAISING FUNDS—Germans cluster around the roulette wheel in Wiesbaden, where the municipal government decided to allow gambling as a source of added revenue for the city.



FUNERAL IN PARIS—A hearse carries the body of Communist Andre Houllier to its final resting place as Parisians watch the procession. Houllier, whose picture appears on the placard, was shot and killed by a policeman while putting up Communist party posters.



FOR UNITED NATIONS—The first steel beams for the 39-storey United Nations Secretariat Building are being loaded after being rolled in a Munhall, Pennsylvania, mill. When completed, the 30-foot, five-ton beams will be sent to New York to start construction.



FIT FOR A QUEEN—Olympic figure skating champion, Canada's Barbara Ann Scott, has a final fitting of the costume used in her professional debut in a New York ice show. Marcelle Milliner, left, and Stasia Bennett apply a few final stitches while the latest queen of the ice strikes an attractive pose.



STORY THAT'LL STAND UP—Joe Perry should have no trouble telling about the big one he landed. This four-ton, 31-foot-long shark became entangled in his nets off Rockport, California.



COUPLE OF CELTS—Patricia Mitchell of Scotland and Peggy Mara of Ireland, two waitresses at a New York hotel, put on a song and dance act for enthusiastic patrons.

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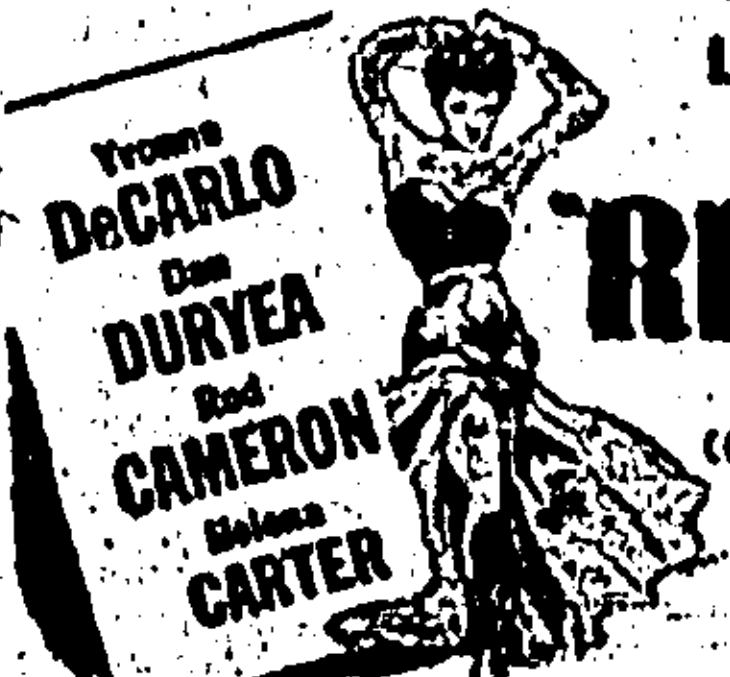
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EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

THE day before Christmas I was in on the murder of a tradition upon stiffer than that of West Point or Sandhurst—the WAC's and I rode aboard a Navy destroyer at sea.

The ship was going to Capri, carrying General Eisenhower over for an inspection tour. Somehow managing to shatter this oldest of Navy regulations, he wrangled invitations for us females. Luckily, he chose a gorgeous afternoon filled with bright sunshine and a soft breeze, the one clear day we saw during our entire visit in Italy. Yet, seeing Capri itself, it seemed impossible that the weather could be other than lovely, for the place is surely one of the most beautiful spots on this earth.

We toured the famed resort in its entirety, the indescribable color, the luxurious air of semi-tropical leisure, and the attractive, gay little villas.

General Eisenhower, however, spotted a villa which was a miniature of "The White House," he asked, "What is that?" he asked, pointing. "Yours, Sir," was the reply. The General reddened, then nodded at another house, so fabulous it appeared on loan from Hollywood. "And that?" "That one belongs to General Spantz," our guide answered. He asked about several others before exclaiming: "Damn it, that's not my villa! And that's not General Spantz's villa! None of those will belong to any general as long as I'm boss around here. This is supposed to be a rest centre—for combat men—not a playground for the brass!"

The villas were decommissioned within hours after we left, reserved for the men who really needed them.

Christmas Eve

AFTER a quick lunch at Red Cross headquarters and a visit to the picturesque, cliff-bordered villa of Axel Munthe, the famous author, we headed back to the destroyer and to Naples.

That night was Christmas Eve. We all gathered at the General's villa just outside the city, in a dreamy location overlooking the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. There was a small tree, bravely decorated with objects which included strings of popcorn supplied by Butch for communal popping. We gave each other silly things, just to keep the Yuletide spirit alive. General Ike gave Roman coins to all his "house" family. My own imaginative and expensive present to the Boss—a plain white handkerchief.

The General seemed relaxed and comparatively happy, although as homesick as all of us. It was a makeshift, make-do Christmas for everyone there, from four-star general to GI waiter, from Red Cross girl to civilian driver. I wandered outside and enjoyed the view of the rainy city, thinking of all the dirt and damage underneath, all the death and despair. I thought of a lunch we ate in a restaurant where Caruso sang, a lunch sabotaged by drink-brooding sight of ragged Italians, digging in the slop and refuse for even a shred of palatable food. Perhaps that was why General Ike so admired the painting in his living room, a vivid view of the bay, the city, and Vesuvius—a view now banished to tourists' memories, a view never to be seen again. Going back into the villa, I took another look at that picture and knew why the General liked it so much. Soon afterwards, the party broke up.

Two Camps

AROUND nine o'clock the next morning we flew to Tunisia. General Eisenhower happy with his latest Christmas present—President Roosevelt's official radio announcement that Ike would lead the invasion forces on to Europe.

The Tunis stop was made in order to permit a visit to the Prime Minister, recovering from an illness in attendance. This was my first meeting with Mrs. Churchill; she was charming, perfectly delightful, a wonderful wife to a wonderful man. I also liked their daughter Sarah, Oliver, then an officer in the WAAF. And I was flattered when they included me in their invitation to General Eisenhower to stay for an intimate Christmas party. Ellen Ruthmann, a WAC gleefully overseeing the Churchill meals at Ike's suggestion, was preparing a luscious feast to be topped by champagne.

But the General smashed those dreams by insisting that he couldn't stay over any longer.

The P.M. accompanied us to the door, coming out on the steps dressed in his bathrobe and his initialled slippers. An alert photographer caught him in this bar-dressed mood, in a photo I still cherish. "See you in London, Kay!" he shouted.

On the flight to Algiers I cursed General Eisenhower most disloyally, if silently. Our Christmas dinner consisted of a cold, tasteless, depressing Army-K-ration.

Headquarters was split into two distinct camps—the happy staff members slated to go to London with the General, and the down-in-the-mouth people staying behind. I was pleased to learn that all on the household staff and the official family were coming along, including Mattie Plnette, one of the original five WAC officers, now assigned to our office for the first time.

At the same time, poor Butch again suffered for the bare Eisenhower wrath for breaking regulations. He walked in one day and presented Ike with that painting from the Naples villa. Instead of embarrassed appreciation, Butch received a warning stare. "How did you get that?" General Ike asked. "Just cut it out from the frame," Butch said, bewildered. Looking in one form or another, was so widespread among the armies that it failed to attract attention any more. Butch probably hadn't done anything more than obey an impulse; he knew the General liked the painting, so he sliced it out without further thought.

But General Ike didn't give him time for an explanation. "You probably meant well," he yelled, "but I don't care what you thought. I don't approve of looting in any shape, any time, anywhere. And I don't want to hear any more about this—any you get it back to that villa as soon as you can!"

Back To England

I FELT sorry for Butch, who had the same expression as a toment started by the expression on his master's face when he brings in a very dead mouse.

On the last day of 1948, General Eisenhower departed for the United States. He left behind a headquarters filled with the sounds of moving and farewells. The latter were brief and unusually quiet; those of us who were leaving didn't have the heart to gloat over the stay-behinds, who slipped through the halls with funeral gloom. I was glad when our time came to leave.

Our last stop in North Africa was Marrakech. It couldn't have been a lovelier spot in which to leave both tragic and happy memories.

If Marrakech gave us a pleasant farewell, General Eisenhower's new B-17 promised a nice trip. Brand-new and smartly decorated in rich leather, this Flying Fort offered the last word in aerial luxury—a Comfort Station.

Despite the new fear of German fighters from Europe, the trip was smooth, fast and uneventful.

As our plane dropped on to an American base in southern England, Sue pointed out the window and yelled: "Look! There's a Russian officer!"

I looked—and laughed. She was pointing to an ankle-length gray overcoat which could only belong to a Soviet officer, the legendary Scots Guards. And the man inside that overcoat was about as Russian as the House of Lords—Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Gault, General Eisenhower's Military Assistant.

Blurred World

THE next and last stop was Bovington Airport, where, while Tex and the girls tried to hide our Moroccan fruit from awed station personnel, I telephoned my mother. When she came on the wire, both of us tried, unsuccessfully, to be very casual about the whole thing. It was our first talk in more than thirteen months. A lot had happened between December of 1942, when I left England; and this day, January 14, 1944, the day of my return. Dick, the torpeding, Algiers, Tunisia, lunch with President Roosevelt, Cairo, Luxor, Palestine, Sicily, Italy... I tried to cram it all into that brief telephone conversation.

Riding into the city, I was that happiest of Britons—a Londoner coming home. Only a true Londoner can appreciate the emotion. The capital was just as scarred as ever; it looked drab after the colour of Algiers, Cairo, Capri, and Marrakech—but it was London.

Next morning, Mattie and I stepped outside into a damp, gray, blurred world.

"Now you're seeing the grandfather of all fogs," I told Mattie, who was bewildered and a little frightened. "This is a pea-souper, a real London pea-souper!"

It was, too. The sun was little more than a fuzzy spot high up in the dark fog. All lights blazed at the office with night-time strength. Everything was topsy-turvy, being made ready for the General's arrival.

"The Boss is coming in tonight," Tex explained. "Fog's so bad that it's impossible to fly down from Prestwick. Gault's up there with a special train." He looked questioningly at me. "They're due in about 11 p.m., Kay. Sure you can drive through this fog—or will it lift by then?"

I laughed. "Lift? This is a pea-souper. Tex. It'll be worse by tonight, if anything. But I should know London well enough to drive it blind-folded... which is what it will amount to."

IT HAS been a bruising year—bruising to pockets and to prestige. The people who came through best were the people who stood their ground after a smack in the eye.

For what do you remember a man by? By fine achievements, by murdering his wife, by his personality? By these—yes; but also by something more—by what he attempted, the difficulties he overcame, by what the Americans call "gutsiness."

For a long time beyond 1948 men will remember TRUMAN for that reason—the year's No. 1 Hitter-Back. And with his name must go GEORGE MARSHALL, his Secretary of State, who has fought ill-health and fatigue to change the story of Europe. For the past 12 months have seen only two major changes in world power-politics: in the East the crumble of Chiang's China; in the West the operation of the Marshall Plan.

Here in London the choice is harder. BEVING CHIFFEST? The PRIME MINISTER? Even HARLEY SHAWCROSS—for him a year of lovely time-

light—would need more than stamina, sunvity, and self-confidence to plead the proposition that 1948 had brought new glory to the Socialist leaders.

AWAY from politics, too, the record takes up little space. There is OLIVIER, of course. His "Hamlet," criticised by many as "not a film in the pure sense," is none the less probably the year's biggest achievement on celluloid.

By taking his wife, VIVIAN LEIGH, and the Old Vic Company along the dusty railroads of Australia he has helped to tell the other side of the world that the London theatre still survives the trash which occupies most of its stages.

For the hunger for new faces in both the London theatre and the film studios now amounts to famine. There have been so few. (How many of the "promising starlets" of 1947 see 1948 go out and still remain "promising starlets"?)

The best was nearly the youngest—a nine-year-old named BOBBY HENREY, who deserves more credit than SIR RALPH RICHARDSON for the success of "The Fallen Idol." Even in science it has been a year of consolidation. One man, however, whose name will be famous five years from now is Mr HYDE-CONSTANT. He took over the jet research job where SIR FRANK WHITTLE left off.

That night, I had my doubts. I conked the Packard down to Addison Road Station, the same place from which General Eisenhower left for North Africa.

General Ike looked very well indeed, refreshed by his visit home.

Jimmy Gault then directed me down towards Berkeley Square, to Chesterfield Hill, where we stopped before a dim building on the corner. This was Jimmy's pride and joy, Hays Lodge, an attractive and nicely furnished town house which was to serve as the General's home and headquarters in the city. It was pleasant, after the fog, to step inside and collapse into the plush chairs. General Ike inspected the upstairs and the basement and then announced, to his Military Assistant's satisfaction, that he liked it very much. "But I'd still rather live in Telegraph Cottage, out of town," he said wistfully.

Within the week, we were settled into the same old 20 Grosvenor Square offices left behind in 1942.



The author being decorated by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

I, for the first time, had a corner in which to start whittling down the surprisingly large pile of "fan mail," already beginning to split almost equally into letters from Americans and those from Britshers. Ike was busy assembling his staff, handing out assignments and getting reacquainted with pre-Torch friends, from headquarters guards right up to the King of England. He made his first friendly call upon His Majesty several days later, and was rather touched when the King asked (Continued on Page 5)

William Hickey

1948... It was the year when rewards went to those best able to hit back...

In the medical laboratories there has been nothing like "penicillin." Top development is largely to the credit of Mr LESTER SMITH, whose new discoveries in blood research look like leading directly to the cure of pernicious anemia.

A blunk year in radio. "Old stendies" continue "old stendies." The one new voice is JOHN ARLOTT Olympic Games commentator now broadcasting from South Africa with the M.C.C. cricket team. His comfortable, bumble-bee voice makes you want to get out into the sun.

Television moves into its first big-time Christmas—without any star in the class of New York's MILTON BERLE.

The not-very-near nearest is JOAN GILBERT of "Picture Page," to many eyes an irritating woman—nevertheless the closest thing to a British television star.

BUT with all the disappointments, the mediocrity, the sense of staleness, there have been also the cheerful fishes. 1948 remembered many men for many reasons. Women, too. GRACE FIELDS, for turning a perfect cartwheel at the age of 50, and in so doing (along with other talents) proving that a British music hall artist can still pack the Palladium.

INGRID BERGMAN, for halting a procession of disillusionment by proving even pleasant in the flesh than on celluloid.

DR EDITH SUMMERSKILL, for keeping the loyalty of a husband she feeds on snook.

MRS FANNY BLANKERS-KOEN, for the year's oddest title: "The racing housewife."

ALICE-MARSHALL DONALD BENNETT, 27-year-old Chief Executive of British South American Airways...

For losing his job because he believed in the British-built Tudor IV, airliner; and then proving his beliefs were right by operating two of them on the Berlin air-lift with complete success.

WILF MANNION, for trying to smash the slave-market in footballers.

The now ageing but still Terrible Twins of Literature (a) GRAHAM GREENE and (b) EVELYN WAUGH—(a) for so skillfully building the year's intelligent best-seller out of a theme he has worked so often before; (b) for making the Americans pay heavily to read a lampoon of their own (anyway, California's) attitude to Death.

And MR STANLEY...

STORM

In a paint-pot is blowing up between the Royal Academy and the Tate Gallery—and the Government may have to be called in before things get rough.

The trouble is to decide that sort of pictures £2,250 a year (interest on the Chantry Bequest) shall buy.

The money is spent by the R.A., but the pictures are then handed to the Tate.

But the Tate dislike the selection so much that, out of 330 pictures bought for £145,000 in the last 70 years, they have only shown 12 (and a bust by Epstein).

It is a battle between tastes. Seventy-year-old SIR ALFRED HUNNING, president of the R.A., likes the so-called "popular" pictures that tell a story.

Tate Gallery director JOHN ROTHENSTEIN (48) champions what he considers sublimity.

Kolchak's newest strategy is to ask Mannings to hold an exhibition of the entire picture-purchase. He counts on the intellectuals laughing them back to the cellars.

SID FIELD thinks his stage sketch as a smoker tyro has damaged his market value. In London's Albany Club Christmas smoker handi-caps—in which players are auctioned to other members—Sid was knocked down for £135. "I'd fetch more as horse-flesh," said Sid.

Whoever played the contest winner stood to win all the other bids—this time totalling about £3,000. Other famous names featured in the bargain basement: ARTHUR ASKEW'S chance of winning was reckoned at £15; JACK HYLTON got three quick nods, and went for £30; TEDDY KNOX fetched £100.

Bookmakers' favourite was West End Oysterman DICK BENTLEY. The prize for winning is "only" about £300, so players may buy back from bidders a half-share in themselves. Sid Field has risked it.

MOST awkward age for children? FOR GIRLS, readers say. It is around 13 to 14. One reason: "They no longer think a date is a fruit."

Hickey's choice, from 15-year-old ALMA FLEMING, Lowfield-terrace, Walker Estate, Newcastle-on-Tyne, speaking of herself: "Because I'm too old for lollipops, too young for a film; and boy friends, but old enough to look after baby brother."

SHOE repairer's shop in Hampton Wick, Middlesex, spotted a lot of nails. Passers-by were asked to guess "How many?" It seems like thousands, but no one so far has guessed exactly.

It is the same with controls in Britain today. This week, when the Board of Trade was asked to guess, an official said: "We just can't say, old man. There must be thousands."

Finally he uncached "a man who was bound to know." But he didn't. His name: G. R. MERRIMAN. His title: Controller of Controls.

NANCY

She Has To Be Off Side



• NEXT CHANGE • MYSTERY, FALSE LOVE & MURDER!

Join CAULFIELD Claude RAINS in "THE UNSUSPECTED"

"Pepped Up" Preacher Appeals For Char

Birmingham, Jan. 16.—The Reverend Bryan Green, in his first sermon as Anglican Rector of Birmingham, today appealed to his unusually large congregation to find him a charwoman.

He said: "I have taken over a very big rectory, really far too big for my wants. For the last fortnight my wife and I, with the help of some parishioners, have been scrubbing it, and both of us now have corns on our hands."

Reverend Green, aged 48, drew 40,000 worshippers to St John's, the Divine, Cathedral in New York during his gospeling tour of the United States last autumn.

Birmingham churchgoers, intrigued by stories of his "pepped up" preaching methods, streamed into the Church of St Martin's for the morning service. The attendance was nearly 900, compared with the usual 100.—Reuter.

FALL OF TIENSIN HALTS U.S. FLOUR SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Washington, Jan. 16.—The fighting around Tientsin, and its fall to the Communists on Saturday, have cut off all American financed flour and wheat shipments to China for the time being.

It has become "physically impossible" to unload supplies at Taku Bar, the main north China port serving Tientsin and Peiping, the Economic Co-operation Administration announced today.

Scandinavian Leaders Begin Talks

Copenhagen, Jan. 16.—Scandinavian political leaders will begin here tomorrow a fortnight of discussions which are expected to produce decisions vital to Scandinavian and world politics.

The Danish parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee will receive reports from Danish military experts tomorrow and Tuesday on last week's Oslo talks with Norwegian and Swedish leaders.

Next week-end, the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Premiers and Defence and Foreign Ministers will meet again in Copenhagen after their surprise and top-secret talks last week at Karlstad, Sweden.

This will be followed by a further meeting in Oslo on January 20 and 21.

The most important decision expected to emerge from these talks will be whether the Scandinavian countries intend to form a "neutral" regional military alliance not connected with the Western Powers, or whether they will join in an "Atlantic Pact" with the Brussels Pact powers.

Well-informed opinion here would be surprised if Scandinavia chose any course other than a "mutual" regional pact without commitments, in the West (or East), but with "good connections" with the Western Powers.

The progress of the military experts' meeting has been kept a closely guarded secret. The latest communiqué is merely a laconic announcement that a meeting has taken place, but it is known that the discussions were technical and not political.

The Danish Chiefs of Staff's report tomorrow and Tuesday will have an important bearing on Denmark's attitude to a Scandinavian alliance.—Reuter.

U.S. INTEREST

Washington, Jan. 16.—A United States official said today that the Administration so far was not familiar with Sweden's proposed Scandinavian pact, as only "a very rough outline" was available.

He said, however, that if the Swedish Ambassador gives full information about it before he leaves next week for Sweden, or if this is done through the United States Embassy at Stockholm, serious consideration would be given to it. This should not arouse false hopes in Scandinavia that the United States would agree with the terms of the pact.

The Vandenberg resolution, which is the basis on which officials here act, specifically states that arms aid can only be for countries prepared to give one another mutual aid in association with the United States.

What the United States diplomatic officials here consider may be the most important aspects of Sweden's proposed pact are:

1. If it definitely gets Sweden out of her accustomed neutrality.
2. If Sweden is prepared automatically to go to the aid of Denmark and Norway in the event of aggression.
3. If Sweden advocates arms aid from the United States for Scandinavia.
4. If the terms of the pact are stronger than the Rio de Janeiro pact and the proposed Atlantic pact as regards the automatic nature of aid.—United Press.

Egyptian Leader Arrested

Calco, Jan. 16.—Field Marshal Aziz El Mazy Pasha, the former Chief of the Egyptian Army General Staff, was arrested at his home here last night together with two companions.

A police search of his house is said to have revealed documents of an incriminating nature. During the war, the Field Marshal was arrested at Cairo aerodrome, accused of attempting to escape into Axis territory.—Reuter.

Music As A Cure For Mentally Ill

London, Jan. 16.—Two doctors have been experimenting here on the effect of music on mentally-ill patients. The results of their attempts are published in the current "Lancet," the British medical journal.

The doctors recall that Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher and mathematician, is said to have cured many mentally-ill patients with music, and to have composed melodies against dependency, anger and desires.

For months, these modern doctors met a group of 14 patients of both sexes—mainly young or middle-aged—once a week for an hour in a small hospital library.

Gramophone records of all types of music, from swing to Beethoven, were played to them.

Here are some of the results: Modern dance music had little effect on the patients. Traditional music and folk songs aroused a spirit of friendliness and ease among them. "These, though they stir up archaic forces in the mind, are, it seems, strongly integrating," the doctors said.

Impressionistic music stimulated interest in the more withdrawn patients, but had no therapeutic value.

Serious contemporary music, by such composers as Stravinsky, Bartok and Varese, was sometimes powerful enough to bring out the unconscious forces into the consciousness of inhibited schizophrenic (split personality) patients.

"Integration of the mind was not necessarily fostered, however, and might even be hindered because the patient could not come to terms with the emotions aroused," the doctors found.

The architectural and formal structure of the classical style gave the patients an increased feeling of security.

The romantic style brought emotional release, especially on inhibited sensitive experience.

Summing up the doctors' findings that attempts at personality reconstruction may be made by appealing to "the fundamental need for form and beauty," the Lancet asked: "Must this appeal be confined to what enters by ear?"

The journal recommended sights and smells—thought to be the strongest elements of memory—to influence moods.—Reuter.

Rising Sun To Be Rationed

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—The Japanese government is planning to put the national flag on the list of rationed items.

Officials disclosed today that there was not enough cloth to make the increased demand for flags following New Year messages removing all restrictions on the use of Japan's national colours.

Before the war it was customary for most Japanese to display the "Rising Sun" at their homes on important national holidays and other special occasions. This was temporarily banned after the war.

The Ministry said the new flags would probably have to be made from silk because of the shortage of cotton.—United Press.

HOT DOG CEILING

Washington, Jan. 16.—A cup of coffee will cost 15 cents and a hot dog 20 cents at stands along the route of President Truman's inaugural parade next Thursday.

Announcing a ceiling price list for concessions, Inaugural Committee officials today said they felt that these prices, which are between 20 and 50 per cent above normal, were "just and reasonable" in view of the fact that the snack bars will operate only one day.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"He smelled that hamburger and onions I just fried and he wouldn't settle for milk!"



Col. L. T. Ride (left) Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, accepts a plaque donated to the corps by the Winnipeg Grenadiers, from the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Mr. K. F. Noble, at the Volunteers' last mess dinner on Friday night. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

Escaped Czech Says Russia Is Not Preparing For War

New York, Jan. 16.—Dr. Arnost Heidrich, former Secretary-General of the Czech Foreign Office, considers that Communist activities "do not suggest that the Soviet Union is at present preparing for an aggressive war against the West," according to James Reston, Washington Correspondent of the New York Times.

Reston said that Heidrich, who disappeared last November, has reached Washington with a detailed story of Communist activities and plans in Eastern Europe.

He added that Heidrich, who was "well-known and trusted" by the United States Government, had been brought to Washington by the United States authorities.

Reston said Heidrich thought Generalissimo Stalin was trying to build up an "Eastern Ruhr" in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Heidrich was quoted to have said: "The Soviet Union seems to be developing Czechoslovakia primarily as a source of economic reconstruction in Russia, as a source of military supplies and as a strategic territory that must be denied to the Western Powers, rather than as a base for an attack on the West."

Heidrich, who is 59, was legal and political adviser to Dr. Edouard Benes, former Czech President, for 14 years. He managed to bring his wife and child out of Czechoslovakia with him.

He was also said to have reported that Russia was receiving some tanks and guns from Czechoslovakia, but was demanding shipment of them in a semi-finished condition so that they could be finished in secret in Russia.

Heidrich was further quoted as saying that it was obvious that the Russians did not trust the Czech Army, and did not feel that they could wage war against the West on Czech soil.

The Russians, he said, were using every possible kind of pressure and police state tactics to gain control over the economic life of the whole of Eastern Europe, with a view of re-building their own strength at the expense of others.

Heidrich was reported to have described President Klement Gottwald as "a good Czech," but not the strongest man in the Government, and that he held his post mainly because Generalissimo Stalin liked him personally.—Reuter.

US Plan For Indonesia Rejected

Lake Success, Jan. 16.—An official Dutch spokesman in New York today described the United States plan for settling the Indonesian question as "unparalleled interference in the domestic affairs of a member (United Nations) nation."

The American plan, disclosed informally but authoritatively on Friday, suggested that a free United States of Indonesia be established by April 1, 1950.

It also provided for broadening the present UN Good Offices Committee, which has been trying to bring about peace in Indonesia. This Commission would supervise the turnover of sovereignty from the Netherlands to the United States of Indonesia and the withdrawal of Dutch troops.

The Netherlands spokesman said the US proposal was "completely unacceptable" to the Dutch. He said it "threatens to create conflict between the Security Council and the Netherlands."

He added that it "also is in conflict with the UN charter itself."

The Dutch spokesman said the American suggestion for widening the power of the Good Offices Committee "cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, contribute anything toward a solution of the Indonesian question."

The US proposal was under study over the weekend, both in The Hague and in Balavia, the Dutch spokesman said.

An American delegation spokesman said a report that high ranking Indonesian officials are held under close guard probably will bring forth new demands on the Netherlands to release all Republican political prisoners.—Associated Press.

BAO DAI HEARS FRENCH WISHES

Cannes, Jan. 16.—M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, today told ex-Empress Bao Dai that France wishes him to return soon to Vietnam, according to a communiqué issued here at the end of the first day of agreement talks.

The discussions, taking place at the Chateau de Thorens, the ex-Empress's residence, are to last until Tuesday. The High Commissioner arrived this morning by air from Paris.

The communiqué, issued by a member of Bao Dai's staff, said that the ex-Empress's return to Vietnam depended upon "the realisation of the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnamese people," described as (1) the preservation of Vietnamese unity and (2) the granting of the "attributes of national sovereignty" to a United Vietnam.—Reuter.

British Proposal Under Fire

Paris, Jan. 16.—The Soviet member of the World Federation of Trade Unions Executive Bureau, M. Vassili Kuznetsov, has asked for "conciliation" talks over the proposal of the British Trades Union Congress that the Bureau suspend its function for one year.

M. Kuznetsov has proposed that the talks be held before tomorrow's meeting of the Executive Bureau.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW "TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST" With Allan Ladd Brian Donlevy

Paris Police Act Against Strikers

Paris, Jan. 16.—Police went into action today to clear sit-down strikers from the Paris motorcar works of Panhard-Levassor, where 3,000 workers have been on strike since Thursday, demanding higher wages.

This followed a warning last night by the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, that he would adhere to his wage-freezing programme. His warning seemed addressed as much to some of his leftwing Cabinet colleagues as to the workers.

A new struggle in France between the Government and organised labour over higher wage demands would seem imminent following several "lightning" strikes for increased wages in the past few days.

Agitation for a general increase follows the passing by Parliament of an enormous but theoretically balanced budget.

The main pressure comes from the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (the CGT), but the movement is fully supported at this stage by the Socialist, Christian and other trade union organisations.

This creates a difficult position inside the Coalition Government, where some Socialist and Popular Republican Ministers are inclined to think that some new wage concessions to labour are desirable.

The recent order freezing prices at their level on December 31 is regarded as more spectacular than effective, and intended as an assurance to labour that the Government is continuing its efforts to force down prices.

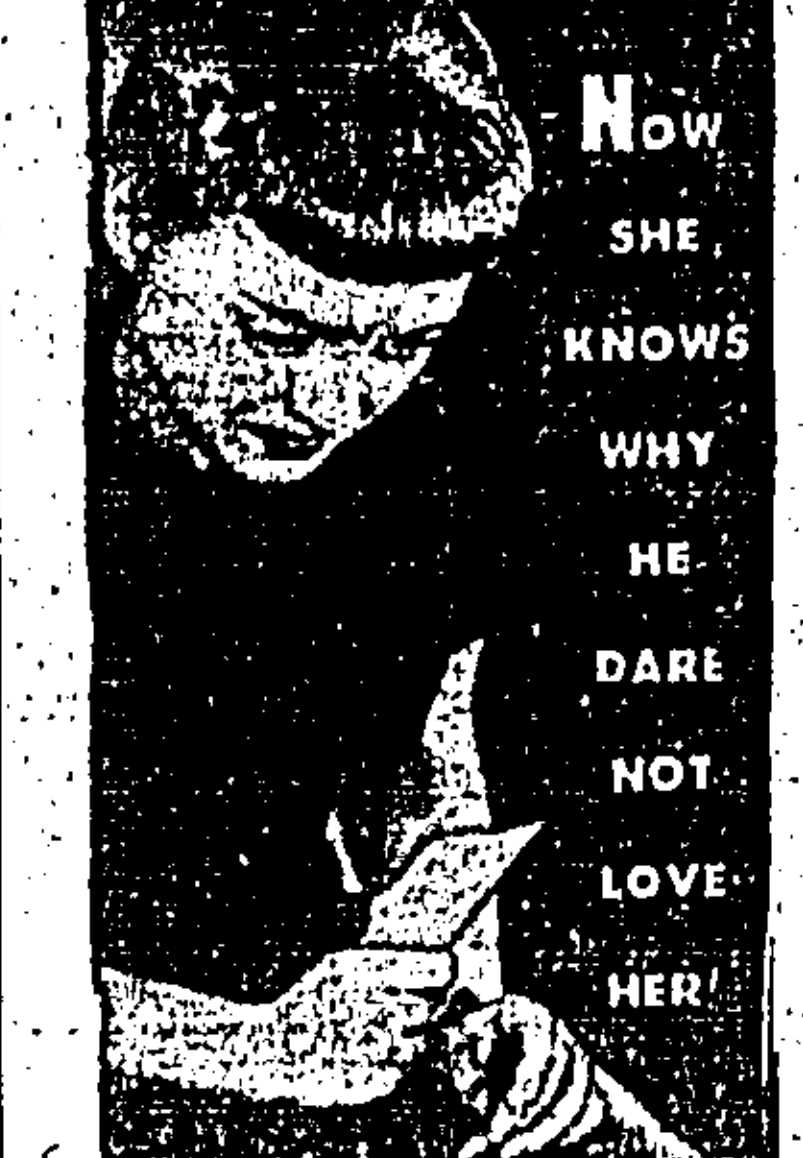
The Government is counting more on the downward trend in world cereal prices to react on the cost of retail food prices in France. It wants to gain two or three months' time and hopes that by the spring the world trend will have introduced a stabilising element more effective than any Government control measures.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

Programme Summary: 6.01, "It's Swing Time"; 6.30, Portuguese Hail Hour (Studio); 7.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "The Adventures of Crimondale" by Jonathan Swift (Studio); 7.30, Hospital Request Hour presented by Van Dickson (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, English Madrigals Sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society; 8.30, "What's Like" Presented by Peter Huth (Studio); 9.00, Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) and Alec Sinclair (Piano) Entertain; 9.15, Film Review by Ross Arnott (Studio); 9.30, London Playhouse "The White Unicorn" with Margaret Lockwood and Dennis Price; 10.00, Radio News (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.30, London Studio Concert "The Westminster Orchestra conducted by Denis Wright (NBCR); 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.30, Weather Report and Close down.

LEE THEATRE

COMING ATTRACTION



BETTE DAVIS has the most powerful role of her career in "WINTER MEETING" WARNER BROS. NEW SUCCESS

Directed by BRETAIGNE WINOUST Screenplay by JAMES PAIGE and JAMES DAVIS Produced by HENRY BLANKE

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

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for an Eisenhower autograph for a royal relative.

Upon another occasion, the King also asked if he might be eligible for the European Theatre ribbon. Planned to cover American campaigners anywhere from North Africa to Germany, the ribbon already was a sore point with Mediterranean veterans who scoffed at London troops wearing the same award given to those in combat—and the English thought it humorous that Yanks got a decoration for just being in England. The King, however, wanted that ribbon. He was, of course, the technical chief of Britain's armed forces and he had been in Africa. So he, leaning mightily upon General Marshall's Washington prowess, arranged the details. Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts was another Empire leader who requested and received the little E.T.O. ribbon. The King always wore it with pride, but I thought it strange that he received the decoration without a whisper of publicity; it wasn't even mentioned in the all-inclusive Court Calendar.

The day after Anzio began, I drove General Eisenhower to an important Sunday meeting of the Allied commanders at Norfolk House, a tall and spacious building originally owned by the family of the Duke of Norfolk, premier Duke of England. Norfolk House, which served as A.T.Q. before the North African invasion, now was stiff and formal with its new importance as the "Overlord" planning centre. Even parking space was numbered in strict accordance with military protocol.

Heading our plain olive-drab towards the Number One spot, however, I saw it was occupied by the flashy, shiny black Rolls Royce which could belong to but one man in all of England—General Montgomery. "I was furious, as only a rank-conscious Army driver can be."

"That's okay now," General Ike said soothingly. "Don't say anything. It just doesn't matter."

After he got out, I made it a point to remark, ever so sweetly, to Montgomery's driver, that there must be some mistake. And when the emerged from Norfolk House, his car was in the space, his driver beaming a purely feline smile.

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Saturday's League Cricket

By "Recorder"

EVERYTHING RUNS TO FORM

Saturday's League Cricket programme produced no upset and winning margins everywhere were overwhelming. The point standings at the end of the afternoon's play point very much to the relative merits of the League teams.

The big game of the afternoon—Recreio v. Scorpions, at Chater Road—was a low-scoring one despite the impressive roster of outstanding bats on either side.

The Recreio combination of Pereira and Dr. Gosano did better than Howarth, Pearce and Owen-Hughes and it was steady bowling and good fielding that won Recreio the day.

Top scorer turned out to be E. M. L. Soares, making his re-appearance in the side, whose 36 was a useful contribution to Recreio's total of 101. Of the Scorpions' strong batting side, only H. Owen-Hughes held his own for an undefeated knock of 24, out of an innings total of 74.

The game was over shortly after 5 o'clock.

The unpredictable University team collapsed before the bowling of Gunner D. Banton whose six for 21 at Soekunpoo included the wickets of J. M. Gosano, for a single after being 122 not out on the same ground last week, Tommy Lo and D. Cheellak.

Army found four players into double figures to win very comfortably by five wickets.

EASY GOING

KCC had a very easy time of it against Craighengower at Cox's Path, though four wickets were down for 29 runs at one stage.

A long partnership between Hart-Daker and Davidson changed the whole picture, the latter producing some pretty stroke play for his 53.

Still, 150 for seven was no remarkable score against Craighengower's limited, bowling strength and very indifferent fielding.

The Valley team had a remarkable innings. Four byes were registered on the board and their four wickets fell for no additional score. The fifth wicket fell with 30 on the board.

Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

BATTING

N. Hart-Daker (KCC v. CCC) 80.
W. M. Davidson (KCC v. CCC) 53.
G. A. Souza (CCC v. KCC) 41.
E. M. L. Soares (Recreio v. Scorpions) 36.
K. A. Miller (Optimists v. Royal Navy) 31.
G. N. Gosano (Recreio v. Scorpions) 31.

BOWLING

G. C. Taylor (KCC v. CCC) 0-20.
G. N. Gosano (Army v. University) 0-20.
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio v. Scorpions) 0-21.
D. McLellan (Optimists v. Royal Navy) 4-0.
A. L. Snaith (Optimists v. Royal Navy) 4-23.
T. H. Lean (University v. Army) 4-34.
F. Howarth (Scorpions v. Recreio) 4-35.
A. P. Pereira (Recreio v. Scorpions) 4-45.

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	10	3	324	55	40.28
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	9	2	308	110	44.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	8	4	154	28	35.50
J. M. Gosano (University)	11	2	212	122	34.66
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	9	3	195	79	32.50
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	8	4	122	47	30.50
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	8	1	194	85	27.71
G. A. Souza (Craighengower)	10	3	187	41	26.71
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	8	2	152	38	25.33
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	8	1	184	64	24.25
A/C J. S. Baines (RAF)	8	1	192	71	24.00
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	7	2	110	43	22.00
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	8	1	175	48	21.87
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	8	2	130	57	21.00
P. M. N. da Silva (Recreio)	10	4	128	33	21.33
A. H. Madar (IRC)	6	1	105	48	21.00
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	10	2	184	52	20.50
Major D. Banton (Army)	8	2	122	37	20.33
Major A. B. Baines (Army)	8	1	170	70	18.88
F/O M. D. Marshall (RAF)	8	1	151	39	18.87
E. C. Fincher (KCC)	9	1	169	53	18.77
M. M. Little (Optimists)	9	1	148	56	18.50
A. Zimmern (KCC)	10	1	183	42	18.30
N. Hart-Daker (KCC)	9	1	159	68	17.66
C. T. Rowe (Optimists)	10	1	158	42	17.25
G. Hong Choy (Craighengower)	9	1	154	39	17.11
W/Cdr. A. D. Banton (RAF)	7	1	110	31	15.71

* Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs for an average of over 15.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Clague (Scorpions)	25.3	9	51	10	5.10
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	25.3	4	83	14	5.92
Cpl. Hart (Royal Navy)	44	14	117	10	7.31
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	117.2	41	229	30	7.63
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	92	25	214	28	7.64
L. A. Stepto (Army)	66.2	20	233	27	8.62
L/Cpl L. Jones (Army)	47	8	159	18	8.77
A. R. Kilchell (IRC)	35	0	134	15	8.93
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	69	10	208	23	9.04
J. C. Koh (University)	72.5	10	289	28	9.28
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	131.1	28	391	42	9.29
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	85.3	9	133	14	9.50
P. Mahon (Optimists)	85.5	10	271	27	10.37
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	115.1	20	309	28	11.03
G. Hong Choy (Craighengower)	22.1	0	111	10	11.10
D. McLellan (Optimists)	41.3	2	188	14	11.28
Cpl. A. Hodgson (RAF)	47.5	7	190	12	12.50
T. H. Lean (University)	117	18	257	30	12.80
F/O E. N. Gannell (RAF)	62	18	243	10	12.80
CPO Willie (Royal Navy)	82	19	250	19	13.15
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	84.5	14	277	20	13.85
A. L. Snaith (Optimists)	63.5	13	217	15	14.40
A. E. Perry (Optimists)	81	10	148	10	14.80
S. M. Teh (University)	102	10	326	22	14.81
F. J. Blimfield (KCC)	81	27	185	17	14.01
E. R. Zimmern (KCC)	81	10	280	17	16.47
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	80.5	5	207	19	15.03
R. E. Lee (KCC)	93.5	10	273	17	16.05
T. Craighengower	152.5	27	474	28	16.92

Qualification: 10 wickets for an average under 18.00.

PIERCING DRIVE



Edward Keeney, playing on the Lac La Belle golf course at Oconomowoc, Wis., got the golfing surprise of his life. After driving off a wooden peg from the No. 2 green, he found his ball embedded with a celluloid tee. Luckily, he had two witnesses to the unusual event.

PAYMENTS TO TOURING CRICKETERS

An Old Grouse Again Raises Its Head

By PETER DITTON

That old grouse, payment to professional cricketers on tour, has raised its ugly head again. Writing in the "Evening Standard," Bruce Harris, Sports Editor, says "Complaints—privately expressed inevitably—are made by our cricket professionals on the fees they receive for the South African tour."

Really it is no wonder. It is only necessary to compare the amount—£450—with the figure received by Freddie Mills for his fight against Johnny Ralph, to realise that top-flight cricketers are among the worst paid men in sport.

A fair estimate of Mills' takings would be £10,000. The MCC professionals are paid £50 a month in South Africa and the rest comes back to England where it is taxed. Hotel and travel expenses are defrayed, of course, but even so £50 a month in South Africa is not a great deal, especially when it is considered that the men are spending quite a lot on food parcels for their families in England.

Recently I discussed this subject of payment to cricketers with Allan Rae, the West Indian Test batsman, who is on tour with his fellow countrymen in India. Here the case is slightly altered because Rae is an amateur, but he told me that by the time the tour of India was over, he would be out of pocket to the tune of £50. That is quite a sum of money to forfeit for the right to play for one's country.

The MCC professionals may not be out of pocket as a result of their South African tour, but equally certainly they will not make their fortunes out of the tour. But what the South Africans take in the financial risks and after expenses are paid, collect what is left.

This should be a considerable sum. The MCC are attracting large crowds and already in two of the Test matches, ground records have been broken. But whether the South Africans take in £10 or £10,000 at the end of the tour—and it will be much nearer the second figure—the professionals will only collect their basic £450 less tax.

This is the truth of the matter. The money which people imagine is just waiting to be picked up by professional cricketers abroad is non-existent. I know a famous county player who is coaching in South Africa at the moment. People who read of his appointment envied him, imagining he had found a really worth-while job.

In point of fact I have heard from him recently that he is only just paying his way. He is enjoying himself and was able to take a busman's holiday to watch the second Test. But as for making easy money—don't you believe it.

CHANGED POLICY

In the past the MCC, the controlling body of English cricket, has set aside large sums from tours abroad and from matches played by visiting teams in England to finance county cricket. Without these grants from the MCC many counties would have had to "shut up shop" a long time ago.

Nowadays, however, few if any counties have to rely on this subsidy from the MCC. County cricket is flourishing as it has never done before and most teams have now got a useful little sum in the bank, and could, if necessary, manage without this assistance.

Members of the South African Board of Control are delighted with the present rates which the MCC touring team have drawn, but until it was pointed out to them, few realised that the players were barely breaking even on the tour.

"They know what a great attraction a touring side can be, and just how much is owed to the poorly paid professionals and they are considering ways in which they can help the MCC stars."

Now, I understand the MCC are also concerned about the payments to players, and the question of revised contracts with adequate provision for increased expenses of post-war touring, is to be taken up at Lords.

The obvious answer is to base the payments to players on Australian standards. Australian players making a tour abroad are given

adequate expenses on top of which they receive a considerable bonus. The money to implement this idea is available in big cricket.

Much of it goes back into the game in such items as the improvements of grounds, but there is still a considerable surplus. If each member of an MCC touring side received an additional £250—the money would not be missed.

The English counties are not so dependent on MCC gifts as they were, and the sum involved in making increased payments to touring teams would not now affect them.

The players draw the crowds and the money. Let them share in the financial gain.

STORY OF SANDY SADDLER

Sometimes A Man Can Be Too Good

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Jan. 16.—Sometimes a man can be so good at his profession that he really can't be a success, and world featherweight champion Sandy Saddler is one of these.

Saddler, a skinny, 22-year-old Negro, hits so hard and so punishingly that he can't find opponents. And without opponents Sandy can't make any money.

"Right after Sandy knocked out Willie Pep on October 29 to win the title, I got offers from promoters in more than a dozen cities," said manager Charley Johnston. "We wanted to accept them all, so I told the promoters to wire me the names of prospective opponents, dates and terms."

"After that I got only silence. So I telephoned the promoters. Every one of them said that he was having trouble getting an opponent for Sandy, despite the money and prestige of fighting a champion."

CORROBORATED

Promoter Johnny Attell of Philadelphia corroborates Johnston. "I was one of the matchmakers who wanted Saddler," said Attell. "I was sure I'd have no trouble making a non-title match. I worked like a beaver all week and couldn't find a boxer who would meet Sandy. They all say he's too dangerous."

Manager Johnston took up the dilge. "I'd like to have Saddler fight every two or three weeks. He has to keep busy to keep sharp. If he doesn't work, he gets lazy and sluggish. And even more important—Sandy and I want to make a lot of money with this title. We never made more than bare living before, you know."

"During the past couple of years Sandy and I fought most of our bouts in Latin America and Hawaii and the British West Indies because we couldn't get matches at home. Nobody wanted to fight him."

Champion Willie Pep was the leader in the "I don't want to fight Saddler" club, and he proved to have a better eye for Saddler's ability than the sports writers, all of whom rated Pep as one of the few truly great fighters of the past decade.

No one could understand why Pep and his manager, Lou Viscusi, were so frightened of Sandy.

GOT THE IDEA

Some of the writers began to get an idea of Pep's apprehensions when they visited Saddler's training camp.

WORLD SOCCER CUP ARRANGEMENTS

Geneva, Jan. 16.—England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will form a pool for the 1950 world soccer cup competition, from which two teams will qualify for the 16-nation final rounds to be played in Brazil.

This was announced here today by the organising committee of the competition.

The two teams from this British pool will accompany six other finalists from Europe and the Near East, while South America will send five finalists. North and Central America will furnish two finalists and Asia one.

The preliminary rounds must be completed by April 20, 1950, and the finals are to be played in Brazil between June 20 and July 16 of that year.

The four-man organising committee drew up the eliminator rounds as follows:

Europe and Near East group: Turkey v. Syria (winner to play Austria to produce one finalist); Yugoslavia v. Palestine (winner to play France to produce one finalist); Switzerland v. Luxembourg (winner to play Belgium for one finalist); Finland v. Elre (winner to play Sweden to produce one finalist); Spain v. Portugal (winner to enter the final rounds); England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to produce two finalists from their pool; Italy, as holders of the trophy a new it was last decided in 1938, pass straight into the final rounds.

SOUTH AMERICAN GROUP

South American group: Argentina, Chile and Bolivia to form a pool to produce two finalists; Uruguay, Peru and Ecuador to produce two finalists; Brazil, as the host nation, pass straight into the final rounds.

North and Central American group: United States, Cuba and Mexico to produce two finalists; Asiatic group: Burma, All-India and the Philippines to produce one finalist.

Indonesia was not listed as she had not been definitely affiliated to the International Federation.

The organising committee decided that the finals should be played every Thursday and Sunday, starting Thursday, June 29, 1950. They would be played in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and perhaps Belo Horizonte under International Board regulations.

Following the ten-day meeting, the chairman, Mr. Karel Lotzy, of the

Money Back!

Frankfurt, Jan. 16.—Indignant when the referee stopped play 7,000 football fans in Frankfurt today stormed the box office, insulted the cashier, and got away with handfuls of money.

Mounted police restored order. The fans argued that the referee should have known the pitch would be boggy after rain. He stopped the play after 25 minutes.—Reuter.



THOMAS CUP

MALAYANS CONFIDENT OF BEATING UNITED STATES

London, Jan. 16.—Mr. Lim Chuan-Geok, manager of the Malayan Thomas Cup badminton team, commenting on the result of the United States-India games, said he was confident his team would defeat the Americans at Glasgow on February 21 and 22 and would go on to defeat the European Zone winner—expected to be Denmark—in the final.

England will meet Denmark in the Zone final on January 20 and 21.

Mr. Lim said his confidence has been increased by the excellent showing of his team against Wimbledon on January 12, when the Malaysians won all their games comfortably although the Wimbledon team included four All-England players.—Reuter.

Americans Swamp Indian Players

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—India's Mohan Lal gave the United States singles badminton champion, Dare Freeman, some anxious moments last night before falling before Freeman's play 18-14 and 15-3 in a featured match of the international series at the Pan Pacific Auditorium.

The Indian took the first five points of the first game and led all the way to defeat. Stealing a serve, Freeman went on to take the game after several lengthy rallies.

Freeman, undefeated in 10 years of play, stroked a one-sided but closely contested 15-3 win in the second game.

In earlier singles matches, Dick Mitchell of San Diego defeated Henri Ferreira of India 15-7, 15-7 and -Marten Mendez, No. 2 U.S. player, beat George Lewis of India 15-12 and 15-12.

In the doubles, Freeman and Wynn Rogers teamed to defeat Lewis and Mohan Lal 15-9, 15-7. Barney McCoy and Joe Alston of the United States defeated India's D.G. Murgue and B. Ullal 17-15 and 15-13.—United Press.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The American badminton team which meets Malaysia in the Thomas Cup tournament on February 21 in Glasgow, Scotland, is an "unknown quantity," Mr. Warren Wherry, President of the American Badminton Association, said here.

"They are our best players," he said. "They performed brilliantly last week in beating a Canadian team by eight matches to one, but they have had no other international competition."

"We understand the Malayan team is composed of exceptionally fine players. Our only basis for comparison is the fact that Canada two weeks ago defeated the All-India team by seven matches to two."

The six-man American team and its coach, Ken Davidson, leaves New York by air on February 18 and expects to reach Glasgow the next day. The players will remain for the Thomas Cup finals and the All-England Tournament on March 3.

The winner of the American Malaya match will meet the European Zone winner in the Cup finals. This is the first badminton team to play abroad. It is led by David Freeman, undefeated in the

THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL GOVERNOR'S CUP

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FIRST DIVISION

Navy 2 RAF 2
Eastern 5 St. Joseph's 3
Club 0 Chinese Ath. 1
Kwong Wah 1 Army 2
Police 0 S. China "A" 2
Kitchee 1 S. China "B" 2

HOW THEY STAND

S. China "A" 12 11 1 0 39 12 23
KM Bus 11 0 2 35 12 18
Chinese AA 12 8 1 3 31 10 17
Army 12 7 2 3 30 22 18
Kitchee 12 6 1 5 37 20 18
S. China "B" 12 5 3 4 31 20 18
Eastern 11 2 4 25 12 12
St. Joseph's 11 4 2 5 29 23 10
Club 11 3 2 6 17 25 8
Police 10 2 3 5 17 25 7
Navy 12 2 2 8 17 25 6
RAF 12 1 2 9 17 40 4
Kwong Wah 12 1 1 10 14 37 3

SECOND DIVISION

Club 1 South China 1
Police 1 Dockyard 8
Army 5 50th Div 1
PCA 4 St. Joseph's 1
KM Bus 3 Tramways 2

HOCKEY

INTER-HONG MATCH

Ewo 0 Wayfoong 2

RUGBY

QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Club 0 Army 0
Royal Navy 12 RAF & Police 8

HOW THEY STAND

Club 5 4 1 0 65 12 9
Army 5 3 1 1 64 28 7
Royal Navy 6 2 0 3 65 40 4
RAF & Police 5 0 0 5 11 22 0

SOFTBALL

SENIOR LEAGUE

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Chung Hwa 8 VRO 21
Overseas 5 HKBC 0

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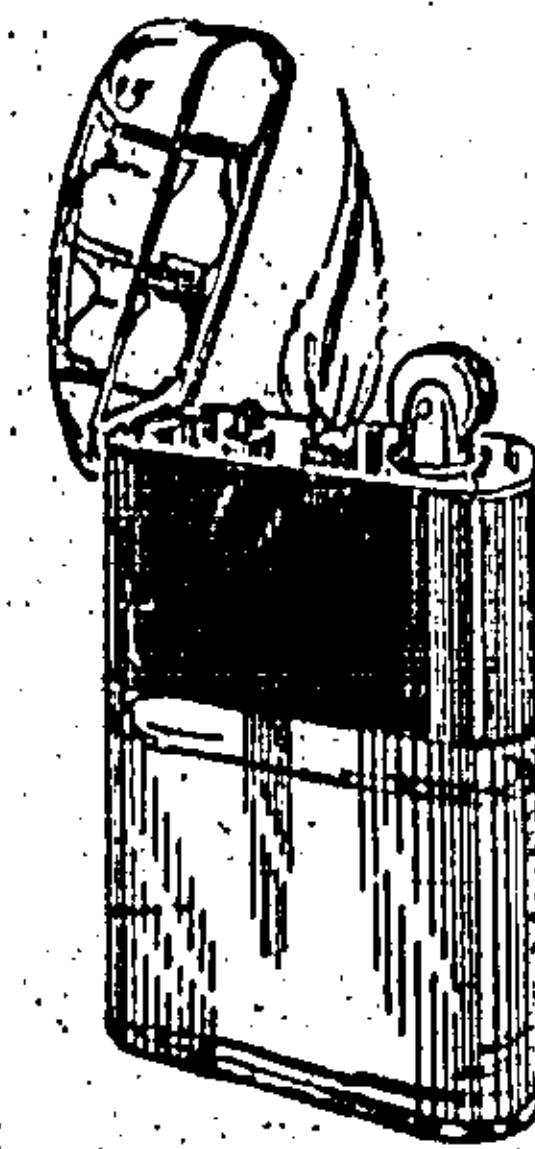
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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Attack Spade Suit To Defeat Contract

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

EVERYONE who plays cards has heard of the bridge clubs where the experts meet to play their skill. Never before have I heard the aristocracy of the card room so well described as in the story of the six of spades in the new book, "Right Through the Pack."

To get into an English bridge club is quite an achievement in itself. When the lecturer in logic and statistics at the university presented himself and said he wanted to join on the recommendation of a member, he was reluctantly admitted.

"Have you played bridge much?" inquired the club secretary. "Never in my life," replied the lecturer in logic, "but I read a book on it, and it seems quite a simple game. May I play a rubber or two with three of your members?"

"Oh," said the club secretary, "our members are all experts! But I will sit beside you, and if you

♠ J 5 4 2	♥ 8 6	♦ 10 5 4 3	♣ A Q 9
♠ A Q J 7	♥ K 8 5 2	♦ 7 6 5	♣ K 8 5 2
♠ 3	♥ 10 4	♦ A K 4 2	♣ 10 6
♠ J 10 9 8	♥ A Q J 7	♦ 3	♣ 3

Dealer

North-South vul.

South West North East

♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4

♥ 1 ♥ 2 ♥ 3 ♥ 4

♦ 1 ♦ 2 ♦ 3 ♦ 4

♣ 1 ♣ 2 ♣ 3 ♣ 4

Opening—♠ 3 29

will agree that I may stop the game at any moment. I will allow you to play a rubber. Today's hand is the first one that came up, with the lecturer in logic sitting South.

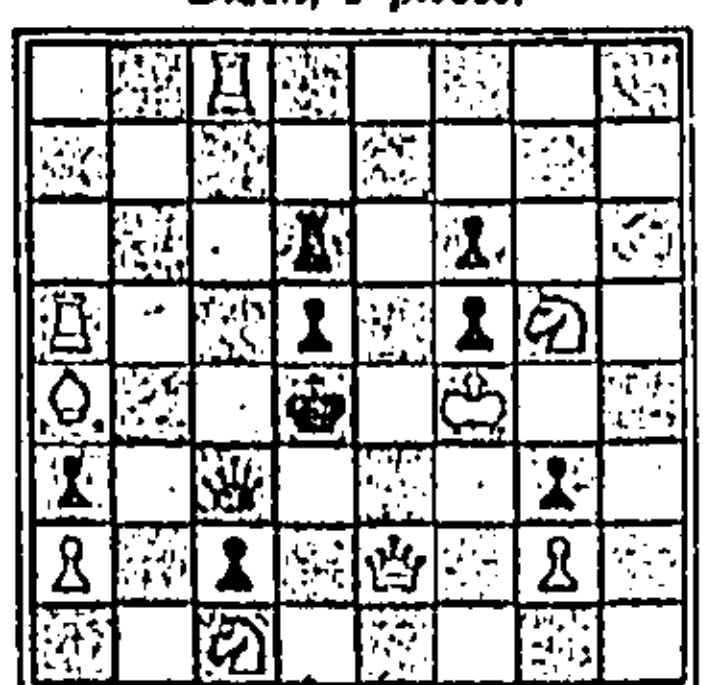
On the opening lead of the three of diamonds, my partner played the king and the lecturer won the trick with the ace. Now he played the six of spades. "Stop the game," said the club secretary. "You cannot lead into a tenace position."

All I can tell you is that the lecturer in logic was right. He had to attack the spade suit immediately, before declarer could set up the two club tricks and discard the two losing spades. By leading the six of spades, North's jack would knock out the queen, and the next time the lecturer was in the lead, he could knock out the other spade. Then nothing could stop him from getting two clubs, a diamond and a spade.

CHESS PROBLEM

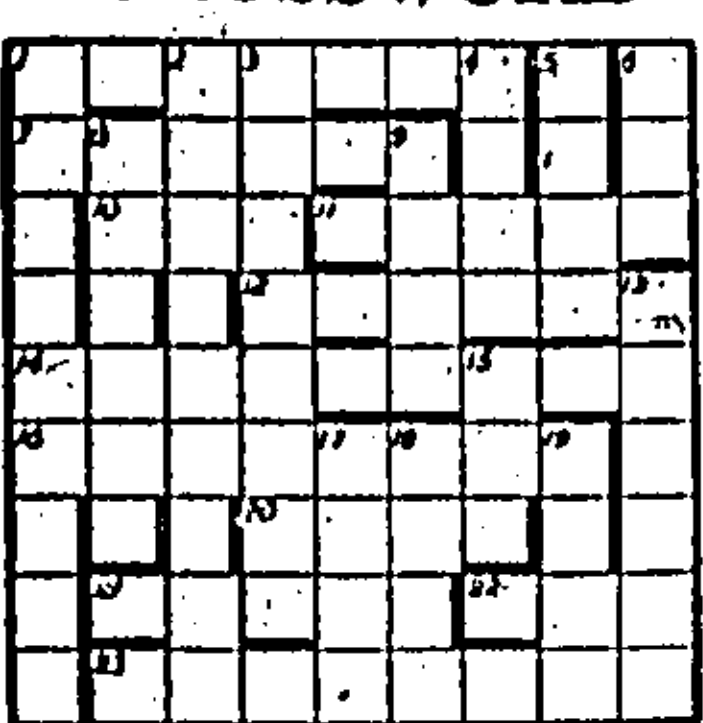
By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Q-B3, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1 and 4. A line foot in this fashion. (3, 5, 4) 7. It is a card. (3)
10. A place. (3)
11. Flower. (4)
12. It's no more. (4)
13. Absence of legal suit. (4)
14. Try a rope that way. (4-4)
15. It makes a real change. (4)
16. Could you call this man a woodsman? (4)
17. Just nothing. (4)
18. Due proportion. (4)
Down
1. Domain. (4) 2. Everlasting. (4)
3. The right place, no doubt. (4)
4. A line. (4)
5. See 1 Across.
6. Although it looks more, it's less than one. (4)
7. A line. (4)
8. With a gas. (4)
9. A line. (4)
10. Absolute. (4)
11. Actually. (4)
12. This line is a deviation towards the north. (4)
13. Consider. (4)
14. Two of a kind. (4)

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Check Your Knowledge

- For what fish product is the Pacific northwest of the United States noted?
- An Egyptian Prime Minister was assassinated recently. What is his name?
- What bird climbs down trees head first?
- What is the Greek name for Greece?
- What do the initials D.F. stand for in Mexico, D.F.?
- Who was the "Melancholy Dane"?

(Answers on Column 5)

AROUND THE WORLD:

The Society Island Group

By TEMPLE MANNING

SOMETIMES it is best to keep one's illusions intact and go on dreaming about a place rather than undertaking to visit it. Just now we are busy commiserating with some friends who have long made Tahiti their dream spot.

Some years ago they saw a wonderful motion picture that had been directed by the famous Murnau and that had started a really beautiful Tahitian maiden. They decided then and there that this was their dream spot, an idyllic place where life was simple and folks were beautiful. Well, this was true of Tahiti and others of that island group, the Society Islands, but during the past few years things have changed a bit, as our voyagers discovered. Next time they become enamoured of a place by remote control they are just going to go on dreaming.

Smaller Islands

Some of the smaller islands of the group are really lovely, but our friends, being a trifle disillusioned, would not venture beyond Tahiti and its main town, Papeete, which was a great pity. The Society group is made up of 14 scattered islands that form an irregular chain for 450 miles. Only eight are inhabited.

Tahiti, Raiatea, Moorea, Tahaia, Huahine, Bora Bora, Maupiti and Tubai Manu. Smaller islands are just Pacific coral atolls, but the



Native huts in Tahiti.

Larger islands are mostly volcanic in origin.

Tahiti is the most important of the group and has a population larger than all the other islands combined. It is about 450 square miles in area and is roughly the shape of a figure "8," the centre marked by a mid-island isthmus that is only about a mile wide. The interiors of the two rounded portions do offer some strikingly beautiful scenery, it's true, but getting into the interior is difficult. The belt of land between the mountains and the ocean is remarkably fertile and there are some exquisite lagoons protected by coral reefs. But the straggly villages and run-down huts subtract much from the real beauty of the place.

The island life centres on Papeete, which is losing its beauty in ratio to its growing modernity. Papeete is on the northwest part of the island, and an entrance through a coral reef leads into the harbour. The older buildings, mostly, built of wood, are run down, but this is hidden by a wealth of vines and flowers, which creep along verandas and run riot in unkempt gardens.

Along the waterfront and in the main streets near the market are the clubs, taverns and cafes that seem so interesting in a story, but which actually have done much to destroy the sylvan charm of the place. One section is quite a French town, with shops, stores and hotels, but even this is somewhat seedy and shows that here, at least, civilisation has been a somewhat mixed blessing.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work).

BY THE WAY

"Nothing Is Made of Phosphorus" Scientist's Denial

"LIBERTIES," wrote a film critic, "are taken with history in this film." It is difficult for producers to stick to historical facts.

When Miss Rita Hayworth says plaintively "Aw, can't I play Neenong der Longbow" on many posters, the question is: what is the director to answer? Especially when he sees nothing historically inaccurate in the proposition.

In passing

FRENCH films are so very much better than any others that the Americans have a habit of buying them in order to destroy them, and then with staggering effrontery, re-making them.

But I was astounded to hear, the other day, that one of the finest French films ever made, "Monsieur Vincent," had been cut when shown in England because it was too long.

Nobody would ever take such a liberty, of course, with a golden lump of drive like (fill in to taste).

Forging ahead

It is quite obvious from accounts of the Motor Show that if people could eat cars food would be more plentiful but no less monotonous. I wonder that nobody has said that the day is coming when you will be able to sit in a padded cocktail-parlour in your car, with a television set, hot and cold water laid on, a telephone, a dog-kennel, a wardrobe, a sunken bath, and a little bit of dried egg on plastic bread.

What on earth?

A LEARNED correspondent has asked me to solve the following problem: What is the good of 88 birds of paradise to a tripe-dresser? Taking a long-term view, I should say that unless his name was Marsden he would have to walk backwards to get there.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Salmon. 2. Nokrashi Pasha. 3. Theauthatch. 4. Hellas. 5. Distrito Federal. 6. Hamlet.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

BORN today, you have a tremendous influence over people and hence you must use due caution in exerting it. Fortunately, your ideals are high and you have a deep compassion for those who are less fortunate than yourself. You are not one to conceal his truth, no matter how much it hurts. Once in the open, you feel that it will work itself out advantageously.

You do possess a degree of caution in your makeup which makes you sometimes rather slow in making up your mind. However, when it comes to getting a job done, once you have decided upon it, there is no one more persistent or conscientious in finishing the task. Your life may not be one of consistent comfort and ease, for there are too

many fluctuating cycles of change. But you have the courage and fortitude to get through your troubles with ease and to go on to something better.

Your ambitions are high and you are never satisfied with second place. You have a deep respect for the unknown and the unseen but your religious beliefs are not always the conventional ones. Your talents are many. Concentrate on one at a time if you are to develop each to its utmost. Home life is important, so be very careful in the selection of your marriage partner.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Definitely a better day for your personal advancement. Seek opportunities and make the most of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Avoid angry words, especially with someone you love, for there can be unfortunate repercussions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—The unexpected return of an old friend or the making of a new one may bring a good change and happiness.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Employees are especially favoured today. Guard your health. Avoid anxiety over minor troubles, and they'll disappear.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21)—Continue yesterday's programme in high gear. Put forth your best efforts to get excellent results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Avoid having a difference of opinion with your best beloved. Keep steady nerves and remain calm in an emergency.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—New ideas could have a full testing period before you embark upon them. Use ingenuity to test them, however.

VIRO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A good day for sociability, but indulge in it with due moderation. A fine merchandising day, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—New business may be coming your way, so be alert to opportunity. The home is favoured, also.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A romantic day. Make or receive a proposal, perhaps. Advance your interests immeasurably right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Use your best judgment in making any kind of an important decision. Be confident of the result.

Look Out, Red

By Fred Harman

RED RYDER



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Looks Forward To Economic Stability

Washington, Jan. 15.—While 750,000 prospective spectators of the Truman inaugural parade are chiefly concerned with what weather Thursday will bring, the country at large is deeply interested in the "economic climate" confronting the Truman administration this year.

PRAISE FOR MACARTHUR

New York, Jan. 15.—The Daily News, in its editorial today, said that General MacArthur had lifted a considerable quantity of red tape which up to now had been hampering Japan's return to a self-sustaining basis.

Most important of the MacArthur directives to the Japanese government was one relaxing many of the existing restrictions on foreign business activities.

Up to now, foreign manufacturers and traders have been kept out of Japan by a long list of taboos which forbade them even to buy business or residential properties.

The paper said: "MacArthur says he is not going to allow businesses from America or anywhere else to acquire undue economic control of Japan, but if their commercial proposals will help Japanese economy and they can prove it they will be given a leg by MacArthur's staff."

"Already a dozen or so United States manufacturers have submitted bids for MacArthur's approval. As we see it, General MacArthur has made another smart move, and deserves thanks for the same."—United Press.

It is the consensus of many government and business economists here that inflationary and deflationary factors in the national economy are now about evenly balanced, and that approximate stability in the next year is reasonably probable.

Many government officials believe that President Truman's State of the Union and Budget messages and the reaction of the country to them, were, on the whole, reassuring from the business standpoint.

But Republican spokesmen in Congress quickly revived the "economy" issue and the Senate has again turned to Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio, as the policy formulator.

Consequently, a long legislative struggle is expected on the Labour Law taxation revision and any other features of the Truman programme which might be interpreted as excessive spending.

Members of both parties feel that Truman's recommendations substantially conform to his election campaign promises, but the question already widely asked is whether President Truman will be able to exact vigorous legislative leadership toward the enactment of his programme.—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Chicago Board of Trade grain prices were sharply lower most of the session today, with soybeans leading the decline on disappointment over the first quarter export allocations of oats, wheat, corn and soybeans.

Near the close, grains turned irregular, with wheat closing 1/4 lower to 3/4 higher, maize one cent lower, oats unchanged to one cent lower and soybeans 1-5/8 to 2-3/8 cents lower.

WHEAT—per bushel	
May	2.25 1/2-4 1/2
July	2.05 1/2-4
September	2.05 1/2
December	2.11 1/2
MAIZE	
May	1.43 1/2-1.43
July	1.43 1/2-1.43
September	1.43 1/2-1.43
December	1.43 1/2
OATS	
May	1.07 1/2-1.08
July	1.07 1/2
October	1.07 1/2

Egyptians Raise War Loan

Cairo, Jan. 16.—The Egyptian Government appealed tonight to the people to subscribe to an internal loan of 30 million Egyptian pounds to meet the additional expenditure of Egyptian defence forces in repelling aggression against our neighbour Palestine.

The loan will be issued in two equal parts, the first at 2 1/2 percent, redeemable in 10 years, and the second at 3 percent, redeemable in 20 years.

The appeal says that the larger part of both issues has already been subscribed by banks and public institutions, and only eight million Egyptian pounds is outstanding.—Reuter.

Italo-Japanese Film Exchange

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—Japan and Italy are to exchange films. The newly organized Italian Film Company in Tokyo plans to distribute 13 Italian films in Japan this year. They are expected to include the postwar success "Open City."

Japan may export to Italy documentaries showing native topics and various aspects of the Allied occupation.—United Press.

CHINA PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

New York Jan. 15.	
Antiseed Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	US\$0.25/35
New York Jan. 15.	
Cassia Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	1.85-2.00
New York Jan. 15.	
Agar Agar, per lb. F.O.B.	3.15-3.25
New York Jan. 15.	
Sandalwood, in drums, depending on quantity & quality	13.00 nominal
Tung Oil, in tank cars, F.O.B. New York per lb.	0.23 1/2
Berlin, (10 to 12 percent) per ton	20.00/22.00
Molybdenum, (50 percent) per lb.	0.54

New York Metals

New York Jan. 15.	
Antimony, (American, 99.15 percent) in bulk of carload lots, F.O.B. Texas	US\$30.20-12
Tin, Grade "A" (99.3 percent or higher)	1.08
Tungsten, powdered (99.99 percent) 2.50	
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Copper, F.O.B. Boston	US\$10.50/17.00
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Pakistan-Ceylon Trade

Karachi, Jan. 16.—Pakistan and Ceylon negotiated a trade pact during the weekend, it was disclosed tonight. Ceylon, it was understood, has undertaken to supply 8,000 tons of coconut and coconut oil to Pakistan this year, while Pakistan has agreed to export foodstuffs and dried fish.

The agreement is subject to ratification by both Governments.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS Canton will be closed as follows: 4 p.m. January 20, 8 p.m. January 21, 9 p.m. January 22, 9 p.m. January 23, 9 p.m. January 24, 9 p.m. January 25, 9 p.m. January 26, 9 p.m. January 27, 9 p.m. January 28, 9 p.m. January 29, 9 p.m. January 30, 9 p.m. January 31, 9 p.m. February 1, 9 p.m. February 2, 9 p.m. February 3, 9 p.m. February 4, 9 p.m. February 5, 9 p.m. February 6, 9 p.m. February 7, 9 p.m. February 8, 9 p.m. February 9, 9 p.m. February 10, 9 p.m. February 11, 9 p.m. February 12, 9 p.m. February 13, 9 p.m. February 14, 9 p.m. February 15, 9 p.m. February 16, 9 p.m. February 17, 9 p.m. February 18, 9 p.m. February 19, 9 p.m. February 20, 9 p.m. February 21, 9 p.m. February 22, 9 p.m. February 23, 9 p.m. February 24, 9 p.m. February 25, 9 p.m. February 26, 9 p.m. February 27, 9 p.m. February 28, 9 p.m. February 29, 9 p.m. February 30, 9 p.m. March 1, 9 p.m. March 2, 9 p.m. March 3, 9 p.m. March 4, 9 p.m. March 5, 9 p.m. March 6, 9 p.m. March 7, 9 p.m. March 8, 9 p.m. March 9, 9 p.m. March 10, 9 p.m. March 11, 9 p.m. March 12, 9 p.m. March 13, 9 p.m. March 14, 9 p.m. March 15, 9 p.m. March 16, 9 p.m. March 17, 9 p.m. March 18, 9 p.m. March 19, 9 p.m. March 20, 9 p.m. March 21, 9 p.m. March 22, 9 p.m. March 23, 9 p.m. March 24, 9 p.m. March 25, 9 p.m. March 26, 9 p.m. March 27, 9 p.m. March 28, 9 p.m. March 29, 9 p.m. March 30, 9 p.m. March 31, 9 p.m. April 1, 9 p.m. April 2, 9 p.m. April 3, 9 p.m. April 4, 9 p.m. April 5, 9 p.m. April 6, 9 p.m. April 7, 9 p.m. April 8, 9 p.m. April 9, 9 p.m. April 10, 9 p.m. April 11, 9 p.m. April 12, 9 p.m. April 13, 9 p.m. April 14, 9 p.m. April 15, 9 p.m. April 16, 9 p.m. April 17, 9 p.m. April 18, 9 p.m. April 19, 9 p.m. April 20, 9 p.m. April 21, 9 p.m. April 22, 9 p.m. April 23, 9 p.m. April 24, 9 p.m. April 25, 9 p.m. April 26, 9 p.m. April 27, 9 p.m. April 28, 9 p.m. April 29, 9 p.m. April 30, 9 p.m. May 1, 9 p.m. May 2, 9 p.m. May 3, 9 p.m. May 4, 9 p.m. May 5, 9 p.m. May 6, 9 p.m. May 7, 9 p.m. May 8, 9 p.m. May 9, 9 p.m. May 10, 9 p.m. May 11, 9 p.m. May 12, 9 p.m. May 13, 9 p.m. May 14, 9 p.m. May 15, 9 p.m. May 16, 9 p.m. May 17, 9 p.m. May 18, 9 p.m. May 19, 9 p.m. May 20, 9 p.m. May 21, 9 p.m. May 22, 9 p.m. May 23, 9 p.m. May 24, 9 p.m. May 25, 9 p.m. May 26, 9 p.m. May 27, 9 p.m. May 28, 9 p.m. May 29, 9 p.m. May 30, 9 p.m. May 31, 9 p.m. June 1, 9 p.m. June 2, 9 p.m. June 3, 9 p.m. June 4, 9 p.m. June 5, 9 p.m. June 6, 9 p.m. June 7, 9 p.m. June 8, 9 p.m. June 9, 9 p.m. June 10, 9 p.m. June 11, 9 p.m. June 12, 9 p.m. June 13, 9 p.m. June 14, 9 p.m. June 15, 9 p.m. June 16, 9 p.m. June 17, 9 p.m. June 18, 9 p.m. June 19, 9 p.m. June 20, 9 p.m. June 21, 9 p.m. June 22, 9 p.m. June 23, 9 p.m. June 24, 9 p.m. June 25, 9 p.m. June 26, 9 p.m. June 27, 9 p.m. June 28, 9 p.m. June 29, 9 p.m. June 30, 9 p.m. July 1, 9 p.m. July 2, 9 p.m. July 3, 9 p.m. July 4, 9 p.m. July 5, 9 p.m. July 6, 9 p.m. July 7, 9 p.m. July 8, 9 p.m. July 9, 9 p.m. July 10, 9 p.m. July 11, 9 p.m. July 12, 9 p.m. July 13, 9 p.m. July 14, 9 p.m. July 15, 9 p.m. July 16, 9 p.m. July 17, 9 p.m. July 18, 9 p.m. July 19, 9 p.m. July 20, 9 p.m. July 21, 9 p.m. July 22, 9 p.m. July 23, 9 p.m. July 24, 9 p.m. July 25, 9 p.m. July 26, 9 p.m. July 27, 9 p.m. July 28, 9 p.m. July 29, 9 p.m. July 30, 9 p.m. July 31, 9 p.m. August 1, 9 p.m. August 2, 9 p.m. August 3, 9 p.m. August 4, 9 p.m. August 5, 9 p.m. August 6, 9 p.m. August 7, 9 p.m. August 8, 9 p.m. August 9, 9 p.m. August 10, 9 p.m. August 11, 9 p.m. August 12, 9 p.m. August 13, 9 p.m. August 14, 9 p.m. August 15, 9 p.m. August 16, 9 p.m. August 17, 9 p.m. August 18, 9 p.m. August 19, 9 p.m. August 20, 9 p.m. August 21, 9 p.m. August 22, 9 p.m. August 23, 9 p.m. August 24, 9 p.m. August 25, 9 p.m. August 26, 9 p.m. August 27, 9 p.m. August 28, 9 p.m. August 29, 9 p.m. August 30, 9 p.m. August 31, 9 p.m. September 1, 9 p.m. September 2, 9 p.m. September 3, 9 p.m. September 4, 9 p.m. September 5, 9 p.m. September 6, 9 p.m. September 7, 9 p.m. September 8, 9 p.m. September 9, 9 p.m. September 10, 9 p.m. September 11, 9 p.m. September 12, 9 p.m. September 13, 9 p.m. September 14, 9 p.m. September 15, 9 p.m. September 16, 9 p.m. September 17, 9 p.m. September 18, 9 p.m. September 19, 9 p.m. September 20, 9 p.m. September 21, 9 p.m. September 22, 9 p.m. September 23, 9 p.m. September 24, 9 p.m. September 25, 9 p.m. September 26, 9 p.m. September 27, 9 p.m. September 28, 9 p.m. September 29, 9 p.m. September 30, 9 p.m. October 1, 9 p.m. October 2, 9 p.m. October 3, 9 p.m. October 4, 9 p.m. October 5, 9 p.m. October 6, 9 p.m. October 7, 9 p.m. October 8, 9 p.m. October 9, 9 p.m. October 10, 9 p.m. October 11, 9 p.m. October 12, 9 p.m. October 13, 9 p.m. October 14, 9 p.m. October 15, 9 p.m. October 16, 9 p.m. October 17, 9 p.m. October 18, 9 p.m. October 19, 9 p.m. October 20, 9 p.m. October 21, 9 p.m. October 22, 9 p.m. October 23, 9 p.m. October 24, 9 p.m. October

CONVERSATIONS ON HOLLAND'S PART IN W. EUROPE DEFENCE

The Hague, Jan. 16.—Political observers believe that Holland's contribution to the defence of Western Europe is under discussion in the course of conversations this week-end between Dutch Ministers and military chiefs and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Commanders-in-Chief of Western Europe.

A great step forward is expected, settling points left undecided during Lord Montgomery's visit to Holland last November when the talks were largely exploratory.

Russians Inciting Germans

Berlin, Jan. 16.—Appealing to their nationalistic feelings, the Russians today urged the German people to protest against the occupation statute which the Western Allies are preparing for Western Germany.

It was the second day in succession that the Russians incited the Germans to revolt against a Western power statute. On Saturday, they called for rebellion against the six-power statute for control of the industrial Ruhr.

The occupation statute would serve as a substitute for a delayed peace treaty in outlining what powers would be assigned to a Western German Government. The Western powers undertook this course after failing to agree with the Russians on even the rudiments of a German settlement.

The official Red Army newspaper, Tagliche Rundschau, blasted the forthcoming statute, claiming it would "completely deprive the German people of their rights."

WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

The Soviet mouthpiece urged the German people to demand a peace treaty and the withdrawal of all occupation forces. This was proposed at last year's Soviet-led Warsaw conference of Eastern European Foreign Ministers and has since been repeated by the Russians here for propaganda purposes.

The German Communists converted their annual memorial service to Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Communists who were killed by German militarists 30 years ago, into an attack against the Western Allies.

They linked it with a shrill defence of Max Reichmann, Western Germany's number one Communist, who is being brought to trial on Tuesday by the British Military Government on charges of threatening German officials who co-operate with the Ruhr statute.

The Communists claimed Reichmann was as much a martyr "as Liebknecht and Luxemburg."

A proclamation by the Soviet-sponsored "Socialist Unity (Communist) Party" called for action against Reichmann and "strangling elementary liberties." Associated Press.

THREE MEN DETAINED

Berlin, Jan. 16.—German police in the American sector of Berlin today detained three men and broke up groups of people who were marching to the official demonstration in honour of the Soviet sector in honour of the first World War Communist leaders, Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht.

Police officials denied a Soviet-sponsored report that they had taken away Red flags from the demonstrators as they left the Western sectors.

The three men were released shortly afterwards. The police explained that demonstrations or gatherings of more than five persons could only be held with the permission of the sector authorities.

According to the account of the Soviet-licensed agency, ADN, 100,000 Berlin inhabitants filed past the

One of the most difficult questions to be decided is whether Holland can provide the sum for defence that Lord Montgomery expects. Another Dutch problem is that of manpower, nearly all available Dutch forces being in Indonesia, but it is reported that Holland has promised to place three divisions, an airborne brigade, armoured troops and aircraft squadrons at the disposal of the Western Europe Command.

The training of these forces will take time, even if peaceful conditions return rapidly to Indonesia. According to some observers, these difficulties will not stop Holland from making further sacrifices to play her full part in the combined defence programme for Western Europe.

On the financial side, the Dutch have been promised there will be no lack of equipment and financial conditions will be fair. But Holland's economic position is such that the Finance Minister is moving very warily in agreeing to provide large additional sums for defence.

WILL HAVE TO DIG DEEP
He knows that the Dutch will have to dig deep into their pockets to meet the defence bill. But with a good portion of the arms and main equipment provided on some kind of lease-basis by the United States, Holland could pull its weight in the Western Europe's defence scheme.

On the military side, the Dutch forces in Indonesia total about 85,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, supplied by about 34,000 regulars of the Indies Army, of whom about 80 percent are Indonesians.

It is hoped to withdraw at least 40,000 Dutch troops from Indonesia this year and a further 30,000 within 18 months.

At the present time, there are only three battalions of trained regular troops in Holland, together with about 25,000 recruits being called up for training annually.

Taking into consideration the high population increase, Holland could call on much larger numbers for military service, but military specialists do not feel this will be the solution, not does the Dutch Cabinet think that Holland's industry can be fully rehabilitated if there is a larger drain on manpower.—Reuter.

Shipbuilders Down Tools

Stockholm, Jan. 16.—A lightning strike in the Swedish Gotha shipyards yesterday, when 300 men downed tools without warning, was described by a Metal Workers Union spokesman today as "the first of a series organised by Communists against the Government's wage and price stabilisation policy."

He said the Communists have been agitating against the Government in Gothenburg and other industrial towns for some time.

The spokesman claimed that the strike was unofficial because the men did not give the legal week's notice. He added that if they do resume work tomorrow, the union would bring the strike before a labour court.—Reuter.

graves of the Communist martyrs of the abortive 1918 Revolution were assassinated on January 15, 1919.—Reuter.



Picture of the RAF Vampire jet fighter at Kai Tak just before it carried out demonstration flights on Saturday afternoon. Another exhibition will be given this afternoon. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

Greek King Appeals For Formation Of Coalition Government

Athens, Jan. 16.—Greek political leaders tonight agreed to form a new Coalition Government after King Paul's appeal for an all-party "United Government of National Salvation." The 10 leaders, representing all legal political parties, decided to leave the King to choose the Premier of the new Cabinet.

LARGE MILL DESTROYED IN GREECE

Athens, Jan. 16.—One of the largest textile mills in the Balkans and Middle East was destroyed during the four days of fighting that raged in Naoussa, Greek industrial town 90 miles west of Salonika, according to a Greek General Staff communique.

The town was attacked by a large band of guerrillas early on Wednesday morning, but the communists said that on Saturday rebels had been pushed seven miles northwest of the town.

Destruction of the textile mill—the Lanaras Kytis—was described by its proprietor as a "major calamity and a serious blow to the national economy."

The mill employed 3,000 workers and the damage is said to exceed £1,500,000.

The communique said the extent of the damage in the town was "beyond description." All factories and public buildings and 200 houses had been destroyed or damaged. The mayor and three other officials had been murdered and 300 civilians had been abducted.

The communique made no mention of civilian or military casualties, which are believed to be high.—Associated Press.

NEW CABINET FOR TURKEY

Ankara, Jan. 16.—The Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, Semsettin Gunaltay, today led leading members of the People's Party for talks on the formation of a new Cabinet to succeed that of M. Hasan Saka, which resigned on Friday.

He has been asked by the Turkish President, General Inonu, who leads the People's Party, to form a new Government.

Observers here expected the new Cabinet to include several members of the outgoing Government. Indications were that Necmeddin Sadak would keep the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

The outgoing Minister of Public Works, Nihat Nerim, declined to serve in the new Cabinet. M. Gunaltay was reported to be trying to win over younger men to serve under him.

All newspapers today spoke of M. Gunaltay's "difficult task" in getting together a workable Cabinet to meet Turkey's financial and economic problems.—Reuter.

Hoffman To Meet US Shippers

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, has called a meeting for January 18 of steamship operators and maritime union representatives following protests against the proposed cancellation of the Marshall Plan rule that half of all bulk cargoes must be carried in American ships.

Mr. Hoffman, after ordering the rule to be abandoned from January 1, extended the deadline to February 1 in response to protests from the United States Maritime Commission.

Mr. Hoffman said American rates are substantially higher than those of foreign shipping lines and the continued use of American ships is wading deeply into available Marshall aid funds.—Reuter.

King Paul's appeal, which he read to the 10 leaders gathered at the Palace this morning, was short and took only three minutes. It stressed the King's hope for a Parliamentary solution.

"You are the leaders of the Greek people, elected by legal and honest elections," he said. "Consequently, it is your duty to find a possible and practicable solution to the present political crisis."

Calling for an end to the political squabbles until complete peace has been restored in the country and it has been possible to hold new elections, the King added: "I am sure that in 24 hours you will prove to me, to the nation and to the world, in general that parliamentary government, in which we all believe and to which you are responsible at this moment of crisis, has not failed at a moment of crisis, but can rise to the occasion and show itself worthy of the confidence which the Greek people place in you, reverently and collectively."

"I again call on your patriotism. Through my lips you have heard the voice of the Greek people. You are the leaders. Take the helm."

PARLIAMENTARY ELEMENTS

The King told the leaders that unless they formed an all-party "United Government of National Salvation" within 24 hours, he would "find another solution for which I hope Parliament will grant full support."

The King added: "If you are unable to give the solution I request, you will have failed the people's trust."

Usually well-informed quarters, doubting whether an all-party Cabinet could be achieved, said the "general impression was that the King was resigned to seek a solution outside Parliament, but including some Parliamentary elements to avoid the new Cabinet being called 'dictatorial'."

The King did not directly answer an offer by four major party leaders, claiming the support of 250 of the 354 deputies in Parliament, to form a Coalition by tomorrow.

He replied to the offer in effect, however, by telling the 10 political leaders that the participation of all parties was an absolute condition for the formation of a new Coalition.—Reuter.

Protest Against Dutch Action In Indonesia

London, Jan. 16.—A protest demanding the withdrawal of Dutch troops from Indonesia, the release of the President and Ministers of the Republic, and independence for the Indonesian people, was taken by a deputation to the Netherlands Embassy in London today.

The protest was made on behalf of London residents from several Asiatic countries, African and Middle East territories, including the Sudan, and of British citizens.

It was stated the Dutch Ambassador left a message regretting he could not receive the deputation today but would do so some time in the week.

The protest had been read earlier to a mixed Asiatic, African and British gathering in Hyde Park, in West London.

The Dutch action was condemned at a subsequent meeting in a London hall. A letter from Mr. Harold Laski, former Chairman of the Labour Party, who was unable to attend the meeting, described the Dutch action in Indonesia as "an ugly rape."

Among the speakers were a Vietnamese and two Indonesians.—Reuter.

ECA NOT WRITING OFF FORMOSA

Shanghai, Jan. 17.—U.S. diplomatic, Army and Navy quarters today remained tight-lipped on the part Formosa may play in their future plans, but the ECA made no effort to conceal the fact that the island is not to be written off American plans in the Far East.

Engineering projects totalling \$12,000,000, in ECA reconstruction, electric power, sugar, fertilizer and rail programmes, are continuing without interruption. The ECA considers Formosa as a "large establishment" in its China programme, a spokesman said.

He added that the ECA was not looking, as far as he knew, to what the U.S. Air Force or Navy plan to do with the island, but could say that "Formosa has a large part in the ECA's China plans."

He said no order to halt engineering work on four separate projects had come through and no instructions to hold the actual start of construction in abeyance had been received. Final word, however, would have to come from ECA chief Paul Hoffman, he said.

NAVY VIEW
Navy officials here said that as far as they knew the Navy now has no advisory units in Formosa and no plans to set up any kind of new base there to which they could move the U.S. Western Pacific Fleet in the event of Tainiao becoming untenable.

A Navy spokesman, asked what would make Tainiao untenable, replied: "Presumably, and speaking personally, it would require a direct Communist assault on Tainiao to force the Navy to move out its personnel, ships, and other movable installations." He expressed the belief that this would not happen in the foreseeable future.

Efforts to learn what the Navy policy regarding Tainiao would be in the event that all China falls to the Reds brought the reply that such a decision would rest with Washington.

The same answers came from the U.S. Army. The Army instructional team of 12 officers and 12 enlisted men, operating under the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group on Formosa, has received no new instructions. Efforts on their part to learn what the future holds have been unsuccessful.

SKELETON FORCE
The only thing known is that no orders have come through to suspend supply service to them.

The Air Force section still there is a skeleton force of one or two planes with no regular flight schedule. The few remaining pilots, ground crewmen, however, have been alerted to prepare to join the JUSMAG associates, who have been moved to Japan.

Reports that the Army personnel of JUSMAG will make their final move from Nanking shortly, persist, but efforts to obtain official confirmation at headquarters brought the answer always given—no orders received.—United Press.

BULLITT'S MISSION CRITICISED

New York, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, in her syndicated column yesterday, suggested that Mr. Bullitt's recent mission to China implied on the "prerogatives of the executive branch of our government."

Without mentioning Mr. Bullitt by name, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote she had "watched with interest the free advice given out by the gentlemen who were sent by the Congressional committee to look over the situation in China."

She added: "After all we should be getting through the State Department better information from and about China than any visitor who could not possibly have the background of a trained observer, nor the knowledge of the past history in that area—can possibly furnish either the Congress or the President."

"There is no question but that Congress has the right to all information that any executive department has, but there is the saying that too many cooks spoil the broth."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Jew-Arab Peace Talks Going Well

London, Jan. 16.—M. Constantine Stavropoulos, the legal adviser to the acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has told the Syrian Premier that all the Arab League nations will be asked to talk peace with the Jews in the event of a successful outcome of the negotiations in Rhodes between Israel and Egypt, it was reported from Damascus.

M. Stavropoulos talked with the Syrian Premier, Khaled El Azem, after his visits to Beirut and Amman to sound the Lebanese and Transjordanian Governments on the question of direct conferences with the Jews for peace in Palestine.

According to unconfirmed reports from Haifa, a United Nations aircraft was standing by at Haifa today to carry a Lebanese delegation to Rhodes for the Jewish-Lebanese preliminary peace talks going on "somewhere in the north" prove successful.

Meanwhile, the current Israeli and Egyptian armistice talks at Rhodes entered their fourth day today with the heads of both delegations grappling with the complex armistice details in private talks with Dr. Bunche.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Usually well-informed sources on both sides reported the discussions to be "going well." Unconfirmed reports in conference circles said a tentative agreement had been reached on Faluja, the northern Negev pocket, where an Egyptian brigade has made a stand since last October. The Israelis were reported to have agreed to release the brigade with full military honours, allowing it to return to the Egyptian lines, but only when an armistice had been agreed to.

Discussions were believed to be centred on the armistice lines. British official opinion in London "discounted a suggestion in the London press today that Egypt may ask Britain to send troops to deal with the threat of internal disorder, under the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936."

Information reaching London from Cairo confirms that the present political situation remains confused as a result of the claims to Egyptian military prestige in Palestine.

KING FAROUK

There is no indication, however that the present Egyptian Government would invoke the treaty with Britain. The fact that Egypt has not invoked the military clauses of the treaty during the recent Jewish incursion into Egyptian territory leads observers to believe that Egypt would be still less likely to do so to settle internal political unrest.

Rumours that King Farouk is contemplating leaving his country if the situation in Cairo gets out of hand are treated in London with the utmost reserve.

Officials state that security measures for the King's personal safety were, it is believed, strengthened after the murder of Nokrashy Pasha, but to conclude from this that the King is preparing to flee the country is to go beyond anything that the evidence at present available in London warrants.—Reuter.

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Bank Manager's Wife Killed

Mrs Joan Christie, wife of Mr T. L. Christie, manager of the Chartered Bank's branch in Saigon, was killed on Friday afternoon by a servant who unsuccessfully attempted to break open a safe in the Christie home, according to a telegram received here today.

AMERICAN 'POLITBURO' TO BE TRIED

New York, Jan. 16.—The "Politburo" of the American Communist Party—12 men who boss the United States—reported 70,000 Communists—will go on trial here tomorrow (Monday) morning.

The largest police detail ever ordered out for a trial in the metropolitan area—402 policemen and officers—will go on guard at the Federal Building at 8 a.m., remaining on duty every day the trial is in session.

In a confidential order, Chief Police Inspector August E. Felt ordered the huge detail out to prevent any "demonstration." It includes a motor-cycle corps, emergency squads, mounted policemen, plainclothesmen, detectives and patrol wagon squads.

EDITORIAL

Sir Stafford's Plan

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, last week stressed once more the need for higher individual production by the British worker, and a still bigger increase in exports. Repeated exhortations of this sort have caused Sir Stafford's frequent appearance in newspaper cartoons as Oliver Twist—always asking the British people for more—and as a Hindu ascetic, preaching the delights of a life of poverty.

COMMUNIST DANGER IN MIDDLE EAST

Solid Anglo-American Front Is Needed

London, Jan. 16.—A high British military authority today said the British Government believed a solid, common Anglo-American policy in Palestine was desperately needed. He suggested that an informal, high-level American-British meeting appeared to be more necessary than a meeting between President Truman and Marshal Josef Stalin.

The informant voiced the opinion of one high British military man on the present state of the Palestine situation and American-British relations resulting therefrom. He indicated that when Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador in Washington, saw President Truman last week, British fears over possible deterioration of relations with the United States were outlined frankly.

In discussing Palestine, the informant made the following points:
1. There is no fundamental split inside the British Cabinet on Palestine policy. There were differences of opinion, but no split.
2. Strict regard must be paid to international obligation as set forth by the United Nations. Both the Jews and the Arabs have flouted United Nations resolutions.
3. Britain has made mistakes in the past on Palestine, but the informant holds that the time has now come to face the problem on its true merits, without regard to past errors of omission or commission, or to racial bias or prejudice.

Situation At Peiping Approaching Climax

Peiping, Jan. 17.—Affairs here are approaching a climax. The decision to surrender or expose the city to a threatened Red attack, an attack which would have only one result—Red conquest of this former imperial city—has to be made within the next few days.

The decision to send peace delegates to the Communist area today suggests that reports that the Reds have set a deadline for the city's surrender are only too well founded.

North China Commander General Fu Tso-yi is providing the delegates with transportation and an escort to the Nationalist perimeter. From the precedent the Reds established at Tientsin, there is no reason to believe they will be satisfied with anything short of unconditional surrender.

Evacuation To Samar Island

Shanghai, Jan. 17.—A plane with a working party of 47 and three International Refugee Organisation employees will leave for Samar Island, in the Philippines, this morning, it was learned.

Paradoxical Stands

Paradoxically, the British and American attitudes towards the Indonesian dispute, which is due for fresh discussion in the Security Council, are almost exactly the reverse of their attitudes towards Palestine.

NO EFFECT

Ten days of steady blasting have produced no noticeable effect on this heavily reinforced concrete structure.

The authorities have not yet started tearing down part of the British Embassy and small buildings jutting into the protected airstrip.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Light North or variable winds; fine or fair; heavy, becoming drizzle.
Observations: Barometric pressure 1026.3 mbs. 30.31 in.
Temperature 51.3 deg. F. Dew point 42. deg. F. Relative humidity 66.
Wind direction East. Wind force 14 knots.
High water: 8 ft. 4 in. at 10.54 p.m. Low water: 3 ft. 2 in. at 4.09 p.m.

PAID BIGGEST DIVIDEND



My Love, ridden by Mr J. Pote-Hunt, in the Hopeful Stakes (Fourth Section) at the Valley on Saturday, paid the biggest dividend of the day. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

DURBAN TROUBLE SPREADS:

VIOLENCE FEARED AT JOHANNESBURG

Durban, Jan. 17.—Machine-gun and rifle fire crackled yesterday in South Africa's spreading race rioting. Bloody fighting between Zulu and Indian inhabitants seemed waning in Durban, where it started on Thursday, but spread like an ugly rash into neighbouring towns and rural areas.

Violence was feared last night in Johannesburg, largest city of South Africa, 310 miles northwest of Durban. A bomb was hurled from a passing auto at a shop owned by an Indian. Windows were blown in but the shopowner was in a back room and escaped injury.

PLOT TO KILL QUIRINO

Manila, Jan. 17.—The Bulletin today reported that, at a recent meeting of political leaders, President Quirino disclosed a plot to assassinate him.

According to the Bulletin, the plot was discovered by Army intelligence men and Manila police operatives last year, and confessions had been obtained from two would-be trigger men. It said danger from the plot had now passed and the matter had been referred to the proper authorities for action.

The two men were described as members of a gang which had been broken up by Government forces, but their identities were withheld. They were supposed to have said that a prominent businessman had arranged to pay them for executing the plot.

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The mass evacuation of White Russians will probably continue with the next trip of the Chinese steamer Hwallen, which left here last week with the first group of 500.

It was reported that the ship may be detained in Samar if accommodation for the evacuees is not ready when they arrive. In that case, they will remain on the boat.

Vampire Flight Called Off

The second demonstration flight of the R.A.F. Vampire jet fighter, which was to have taken place at 2.15 p.m. today, was called off because of technical difficulties.

TO-DAY'S RACING:

Home Builder Wins Chinese Club Cup

The Chinese Club Cup, third race on today's programme at Happy Valley, was won by Home Builder, with Mr B. L. Tao as the jockey.

There were only three starters, the other two being Rowanglen (A. Ostroumoff) and The Alligator (Wong Yan). Home Builder held the lead from start to finish, without serious challenge from the other two ponies.

The Cup was presented after the race by the Chairman of the Chinese Club, Mr Leung Fat-tin, to the joint owners of Home Builder, Messrs Wong Kam-fan and S. L. Yuen.

It was learned today that Mr V. V. Needa, whose pony fell on top of him after he had been thrown on Saturday, did not suffer serious injury, and his condition is reported to be fair.

At 3 p.m. today, the number of tickets sold in the big Derby Sweep had exceeded 1,070,000. The draw will take place at Happy Valley at 9.30 tomorrow morning, and the race will be run at 3.30 p.m.

In the fifth race, a protest was lodged against My Love for crossing. The protest was sustained and My Love was disqualified.

Results of today's first five races are as follows:
1. OLD COURSE HANDICAP (First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. From the two mile post race round and in (About One Mile 171 Yards).
1. Herole Louis (Pote-Hunt) 151.
2. The Bingo (K. Kwok) 167.
3. Seaside (K. F. Chiu) 142.

Won by 1 1/2 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 1:55-2/5.
Part-mutuel: Winner, 10.50. Places: 6.10, 5.00, 7.10-1/2.
Also ran: Brivato (Ostroumoff), Caro Free (Gregory), Countess Delilah (E. W. Lee), Tiger (A. Chiu), Hot Poll (S. W. Lee), Barber (Wong Yan), Souvenir (Gregory), Tootsie (K. F. Chiu), 12 starters.

2. VALLEY STAKES (First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.
1. Fairy Feet (Pote-Hunt) 149.
2. Amaranth (Malland) 147.
3. Top Hat (W.F.M. Cook) 147.

Won by 3 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 1:18-2/5.
Part-mutuel: Winner, 13.10. Places: 5.50, 5.10, 5.10.
Also ran: Barbarian (P. Young), By-the-way (K. Kwok), Possibility (K. F. Chiu), Racing Queen (T. B. Dau), United Victory (Wong Yan), 10 starters.

3. CHINESE CLUB CUP. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. One and a quarter miles.
1. Home Builder (H. L. Tao) 150.
2. Rowanglen (A. Ostroumoff) 142.
3. The Alligator (Wong Yan) 147.

Won by 2 1/2 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 2:10-1/2.
Part-mutuel: Winner, 6.50. Place, 6.50. Three starters.

4. VALLEY STAKES (Third Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.
1. Pay Day (K. Kwok) 147.
2. Sparking Star (Ostroumoff) 147.
3. Amazing (Gregory) 144.

Won by 2 1/2 lengths; 6 lengths.
Time: 1:19-1/5.
Part-mutuel: Winner, 10.20. Places: 6.50, 5.70, 7.40.
Also ran: Samson (S. W. Lee), Mercury (W. F. M. Cook), Sportmaster (B. L. Tao), The Hopeful (L. S. Mui), Unicorn (W. K. Shieh), 8 starters.

5. VALLEY STAKES (Fourth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.
1. V.I.P. (Ostroumoff) 147.
2. Sparking Star (K. F. Chiu).
3. High Speed (Gregory) 144.

Won by 1 1/2 lengths; many lengths.
Time: 1:19-1/5.
Part-mutuel: Winner, 13.40. Places: 6.50, 6.50, 8.50.
Also ran: Glacial Lake (Wong Yan), Reputation (W. F. M. Cook), Star (T. B. Dau), 8 starters.

6. DISQUALIFIED.

Associated Press.

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No. 1500 622
No. 1503 262
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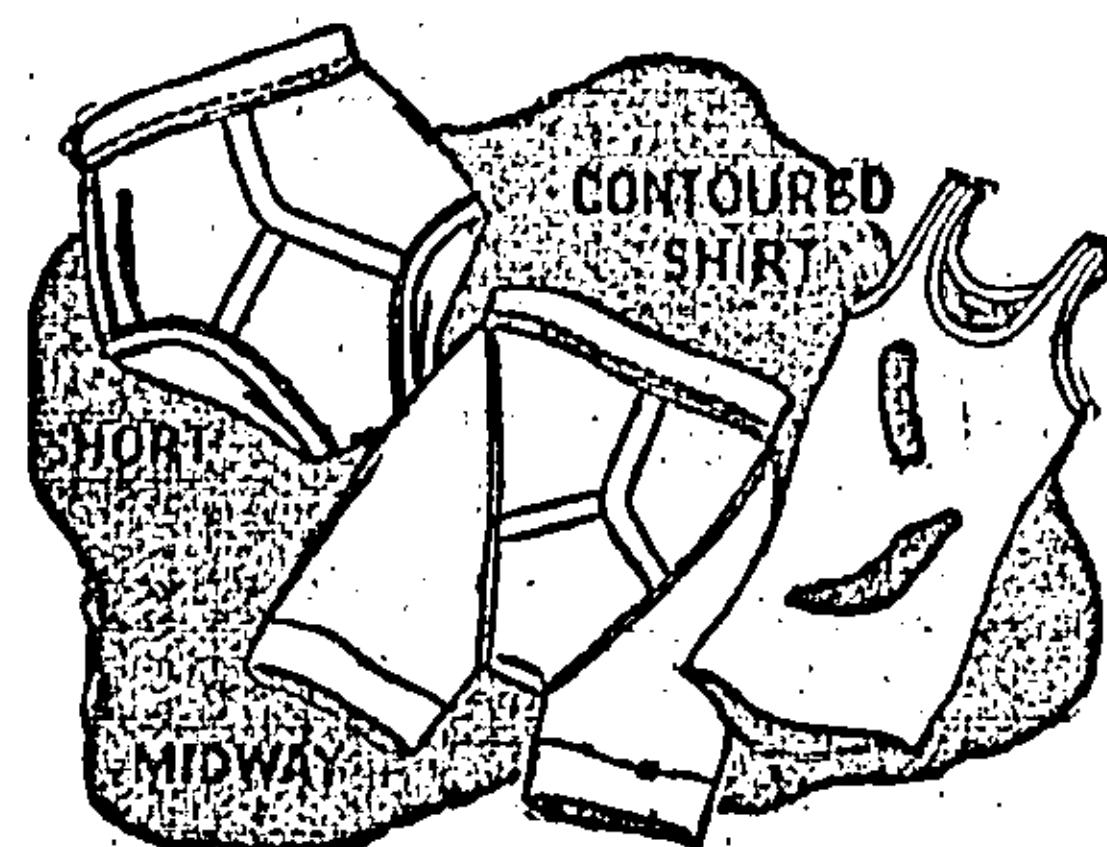
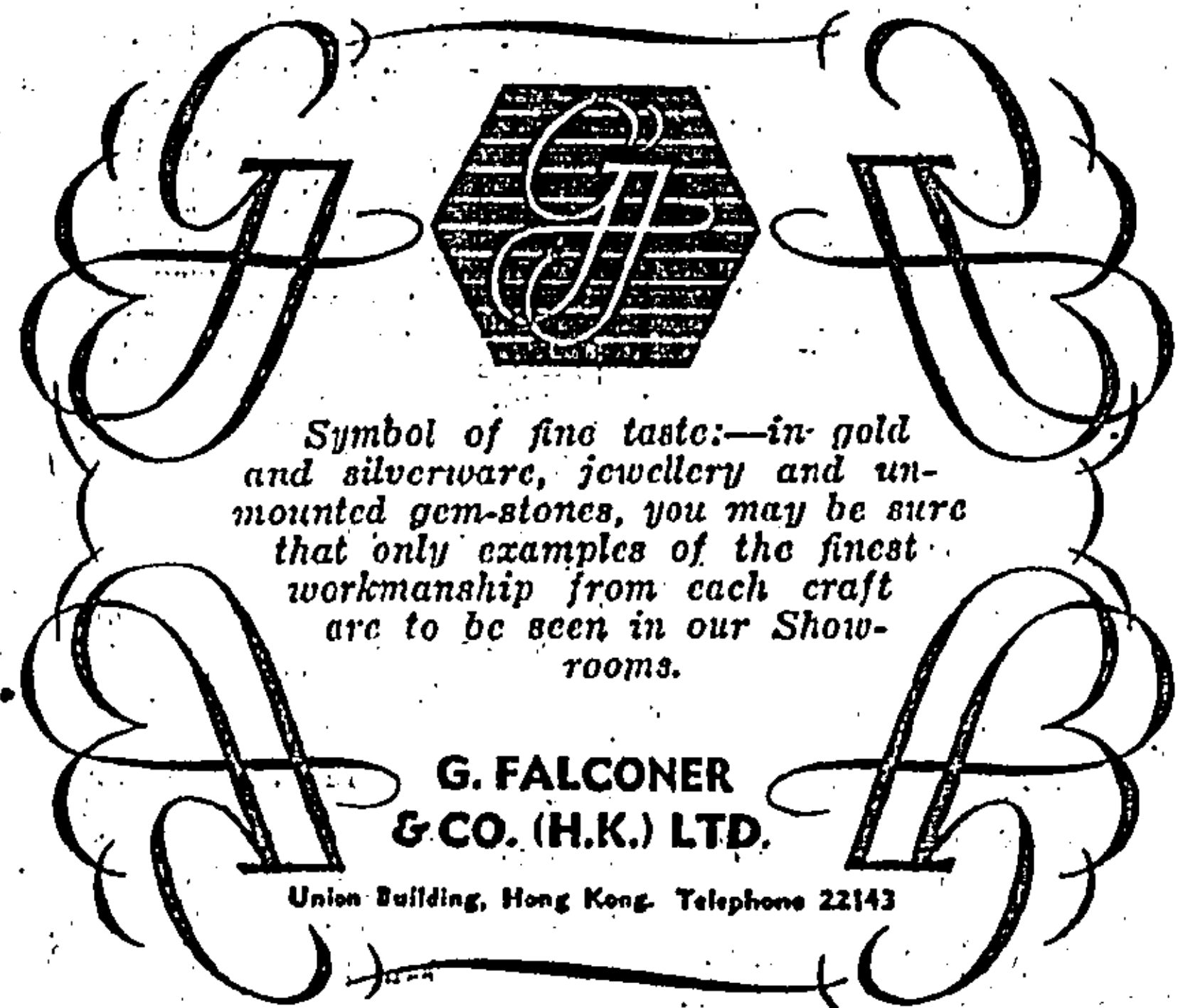
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The designer calls this a "hansom cab" design; the gent who invented those carriages, like the alcove, was Victorian.

By PRUNELLA WOOD

A VERY good entrance frock, this dressy late afternoon model, ready for special occasions such as the wedding reception, the pay-back-everybody-you-know-tea-party.

It is made of brown brocade, with narrow skirt and offer little suggestions that will help in making these useful servants stay on the job without having to take time out for repairs. For we are told that brand-new post-war appliances already are having to be fixed, mainly because of careless handling. And apart from this, a little care should keep table appliances sweet and clean, not greasy.

The toaster requires a good brush-off with a nice soft brush or cloth. And it doesn't want to get the life shaken out of it trying to get rid of the crumbs. So many of today's toasters are made with a slide-out tray to take care of the crumbs, but it seems that often the tray stays just where it is, as though it had been fixed.

Household Hint

A lamp to be used on table or desk should be about 15 inches from the table to the bottom of the shade. If it is taller, the white lining of the shade may cause glare in the eyes. A short floor lamp, about 45 inches from the floor to the bottom of the shade, is usually better than a taller lamp.

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WOMEN'S NEW CRAZE FOR WIGS

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. EVERYBODY is tearing out his hair in postboom Hollywood and there's a serious shortage of people to put it back in.

The movietown now has 80 experienced wigmakers wiring together the toupees with which no leading man is complete.

"They can't keep up with our orders" much longer, an expert Hollywood leading hair-restorer, said worriedly. "More people are ordering hairpieces every day. Conditions are bad."

He thinks the more that studios try to save money, the more they'll have to spend on wigs.

Worry over options drives men in to the false forehead class. Women stars buy wigs because the studio will longer pay for the two hours a day it takes to get their own hair fixed. The trouble is that these days not enough mothers are teaching their daughters to make wigs.

Wig-making School
"When this department was first set up to meet movie studio hair needs 30 years ago, every girl had learned her trade from her mother," said Fred Fredericks, wig department chief.

Since mothers no longer do their part, Fredericks has started a school in which apprentices are being paid to learn wigmaking and kindred hair arts. The 31 students who some day may rescue a bald movie industry won't make a wig for three to seven years.

Now they just learn and practise a tricky little knot, done with a gadget like a crochet needle, that fixes wig hairs, one by one, into a fine lace mesh "scalp."

This Hollywood wig department has the staff now to supply complete coiffures for seven or eight period costume pictures. They haven't had a job doing that, however, since Ingrid Bergman made "Joan of Arc."

The Ingrid Bob
"We had a terrific battle 10 years ago doing over a thousand ornate wigs for 'Marie Antoinette,'" Fredericks said. "But we did double that number for 'Forever Amber' and even more for 'Joan of Arc' with no strain."

To meet the requirements of "Joan of Arc," Fredericks styled Miss Bergman's hair into a very short bob. It's unfortunate, he said, that women are copying it.

"They're going to get bored," he warned, "because the minute you cut your hair very short you limit the number of things you can do with it. Miss Bergman would not have had her hair cut unless the story absolutely demanded it."

A great many women, actresses and otherwise, who fell for the short haircut now are rushing to Fredericks. They want some new hair to cover it up.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR ELECTRIC APPLIANCES

By ELEANOR ROSS

LET'S go over small electrical appliances today and offer little suggestions that will help in making these useful servants stay on the job without having to take time out for repairs. For we are told that brand-new post-war appliances already are having to be fixed, mainly because of careless handling. And apart from this, a little care should keep table appliances sweet and clean, not greasy.

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The Toaster

Don't stab a toaster with a fork because a crumb or raisin gets caught in it. That practice is often the cause of a short-circuit and the fork-wielder will be due for a shock.

Don't try to make greasy sandwiches in a toaster. It just doesn't work. Get a sandwich cooker and keep it nice and fresh. Only too often the sandwich grill is taken out, put to work, and then put back without being thoroughly cleared of all grease traces. And after a while, stale grease starts to smell funny. The same thing goes for the waffle iron. It becomes greasy and discoloured if it isn't properly cleaned. It should be heated to the required temperature first, then wiped off after each use and kept wide open to cool. If waffles burn, pour the grid with a good stiff brush. If not, there'll be waffles that stick, and the iron will get the blame, and then will start the poking and shaking that will wreck it.

Keep your electric mixer clean, too, and don't put it away with dough clinging to its beaters and flour in the air vents on its motor hood. It has to take a harmful whipping when you try to remove batter by beating the beaters on the bowl. And don't mix too much dough at one time, a cause of motor strain that eventually leads to a motor break-down. Those not familiar with a mixer should study long and often the instruction book and abide by the rules.

Roaster
Keep an electrical roaster clean. Use a shallow roasting pan to cook a roast instead of placing it directly in the cooking well. That way you just scrape the pan clean, not the bottom of the cooker, which is of

porcelain. The removable enamel well should always be in place when the roaster is in use, and it should be thoroughly cleaned, together with the lid, when the roaster is through use. When the broiling unit is cleaned, be sure to remove the heating element, first. And, as is the case with every appliance, always disconnect before cleaning.

Fragile Wire

Never, never immerse electrical units in water. Be careful not to bend or break the fragile wire in the heating units. Don't use sharp metal tools to scrape the appliances. Clean only when the appliance and heating unit is cold. If oiling is required, follow the manufacturer's instructions to the letter.

Keep appliances well out of the way when not in use. With these few simple rules and a bit of proper care, your electrical appliances, both big and small, should give long years of good uninterrupted service.

Accent On Waists



The cummerbund waist is highlighted in gold studded embroidered leaves on this Rose-Hinde Gilbert evening dress and again, below, on a worsted pleated-skirt day dress by Hershella.



Teeth Need Regular Care



Realising that nice teeth are an important beauty asset, Movie Star Terry Moore gives her good care.

By HELEN FOLLETT

UNLESS a girl's teeth are white and shining, in perfect condition, her smile is a lost asset. Your good-looking reporter hears that Hollywood dentists, whose patients are connected with the movies, are "dated up" weeks ahead, that every lovely girl knows how important it is to keep the teeth in fine state. The slightest imperfection is corrected. And don't think that these celebrated stars neglect home care. After every meal and at bed time, teeth are brushed. Not just whisked over, but thoroughly groomed.

Much might be written about the connection between teeth and health. A sensitive tooth means that food is not properly chewed, or that chewing goes on only on one side of the mouth, denying the other teeth and other gums from the exercise they need for well being. Then enamel deterioration may set in. That means that cavities will form or infections may ensue.

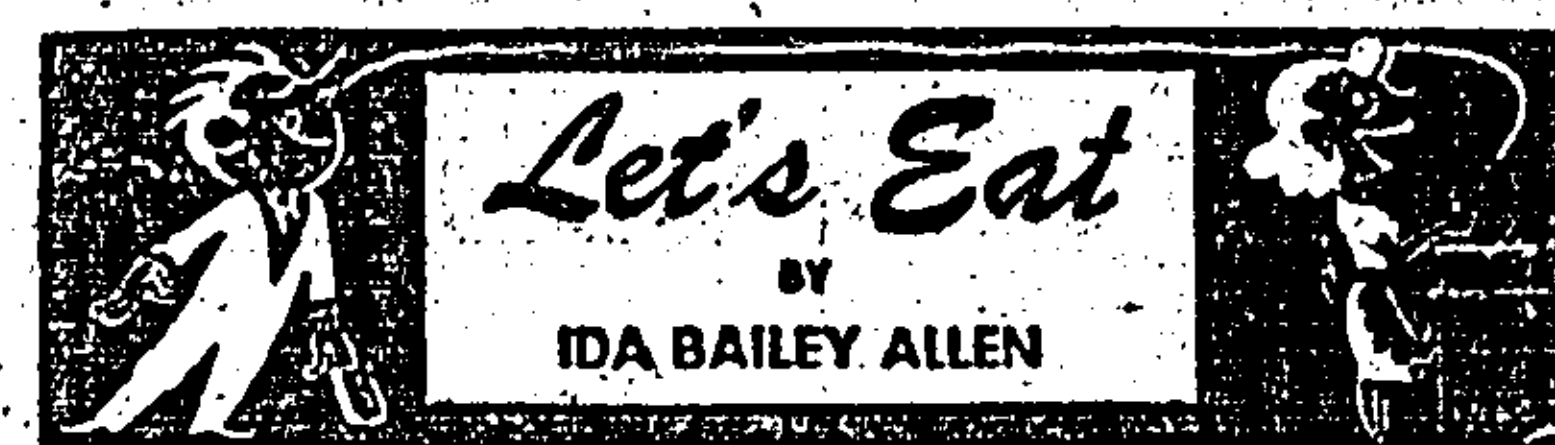
While dentists acknowledge that even clean teeth may decay, it remains a fact that the toothbrush is

about the only hope we have for keeping them in good condition. You should have two brushes, so that a dry one will be available each day. Brushes must not be too firm. They must not be forced against the gums. Place the bristles close to the roots of the teeth, sweep downward, Scour inner and outer and biting surfaces as well.

If there is difficulty in reaching the back teeth with a brush, it may be necessary for you to change to a smaller one. The size of the brush for your particular mouth is important.

If food lodges between the teeth and you must use dental floss, be wary and gentle. To saw into the flesh is to cause a wound; any wound invites germs to enter and set up housekeeping.

After brushing, use a lotion to flush away foreign matter. If you don't happen to have a preparation at hand, dissolve one half teaspoonful of salt and one half teaspoonful of baking soda in a glass of warm water and use freely.



A Jewel Tart Is Easily Made

ONE of the most fashionable restaurants in New York City, located opposite Central Park, specialises in desserts, pastries, and coffee continental style.

"I like to come here because it reminds me of Paris," remarked the Chef.

Pastry Table

"Look at that gorgeous pastry table!" I exclaimed. "Nut layer cake, petits fours, decorated eclairs and cream puffs, French pastries of all kinds. And what is that gorgeous big pastry on the high pedestal in the middle?"

"Let's go and look," said the Chef. At close range it was even more beautiful. It proved to be a huge tart, topped with various kinds of seasonal fruits arranged in a pattern like a mosaic, and held together by a transparent glaze that made them glisten like jewels.

"Garnish a piece of that fruit tart for Madame," the Chef ordered. "Also a piece for me, and plenty of cafe creme."

"This fresh fruit tart tastes as good as it looks," I said. "Let's give the recipe to our readers. I'm sure they'd like to serve it for afternoon or evening refreshments, or at a special dinner."

"This will not be difficult to make," remarked the Chef. "The pastry shell is made of French tart pastry to which chopped almonds have been added. It is baked in advance. Then in the tart shell is spread a layer of cooked cream filling about 1/4 inch thick. And on top the fruits are arranged in a pattern and over them is poured a thin soft glaze to keep them from discoloring from the air."

"Like many other gorgeous desserts, this is really quite simple," I observed. "And if reasonable inexpensive fruits are bought, it can be even within the budget."

How To Make Jewel Tart
Direction for making this delectable tart consist of three parts, almond pastry; cream filling; and fruit topping.

Almond Pastry
Blanch and put 2 oz. almond meats twice through a nut chopper or fine blade of a food chopper. Add to 2 c. flour, 1/2 c. sifted powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 cup cold water. Mix in the bowl, making a "well." Into this put 1/4 c. margarine and 2 egg yolks. Chop and mix with a pastry blender. When the mixture is the consistency of coarse sand, gradually add 1/4 tsp. cold water. Roll 1/4 in. thick. Line a 10" pie plate with it, pressing the pastry lightly into the bottom and up the sides; press it down over the edge. Prick in several places with the tooth of a fork. Bake in a hot oven, 400 to 425 F. until light golden brown. Then cool.

Cream Filling Use a prepared vanilla dessert and make with 1 pint

thick cooked cream filling and flavour with vanilla or almond. Cool.

Fruit Topping: Choose fresh or well-drained tinned fruits of contrasting colour, that will make an attractive pattern. The centre might be blueberries, red cherries or blackberries. Next might be a ring of small halved apricots; then one of ripe red plums; for a border edging choose drained, tinned, whole green figs.

To Put the Tart Together: Cool the almond pastry shell. Spread in the cooled cream filling. Arrange the fruits on this in a pattern and at once pour over a glaze, previously made and half cooled. Dust with 3 tbsps. chopped toasted almonds.

Fruit Glaze: Combine 1/2 cup water and 1/3 cup sugar, with the rind 1/4 lemon, and boil 2 min. Add 1 tbsps. cornstarch or arrowroot blended with 1 tbsps. cold water; cook and stir until boiling rapidly all over. Strain. Half cool and pour over the fruit.

Dinner
Sliced Tomato Platter Rye Bread
Glazed Chopped Beef Patties
Mushroom Sauce
Potatoes O'Brien Spinach
Jewel Tart
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Glazed Chopped Beef Patties
Rub a qt.-sized mixing bowl with a cut section of garlic. Put in 1 lb. chopped raw beef, but through the grinder twice. Add 1 tbsps. water, 1 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper and mix thoroughly. Shape into round cakes 1/2 in. thick; brush on both sides with kitchen bouquet. Fry gently in a heavy skillet containing a little melted beef fat. Allow 10 min. if to be well done; 8 min. if rare. Serve plain or with brown mushroom sauce.

Brown Mushroom Sauce: Melt 3 tbsps. margarine or butter and stir in 4 tbsps. flour. Cook and stir until blended. Slowly add 2 c. brown soup stock, (or use 2 c. water and 2 bouillon cubes). Bring to a boil; then stir in 1 (3 oz.) tin sliced mushrooms, caps, stems and liquid; add 1/2 tsp. liquid gravy seasoning. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Potatoes O'Brien
To 1 qt. peeled, sliced white potatoes, add 1 1/2 tbsps. each minced parsley and onion, 4 minced medium-sized green and red peppers, 1 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Melt 4 tbsps. vegetable fat in a large, heavy skillet. Turn in the potato mixture; slow-fry until the potatoes are golden brown and the peppers tender.

Trick Of The Chef
For a special flavour for spinach, add a little pickled carrot and vinegar to season.

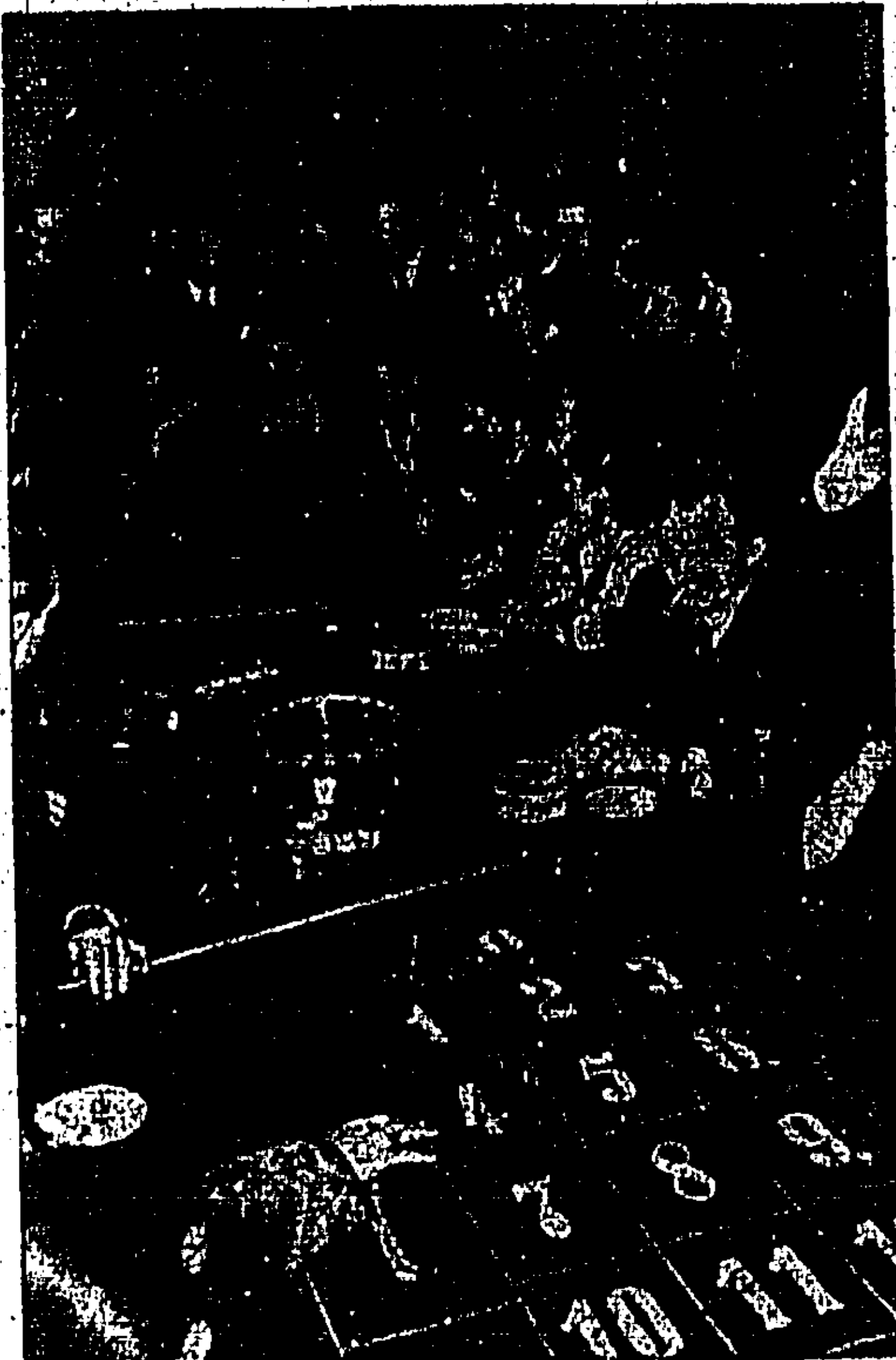
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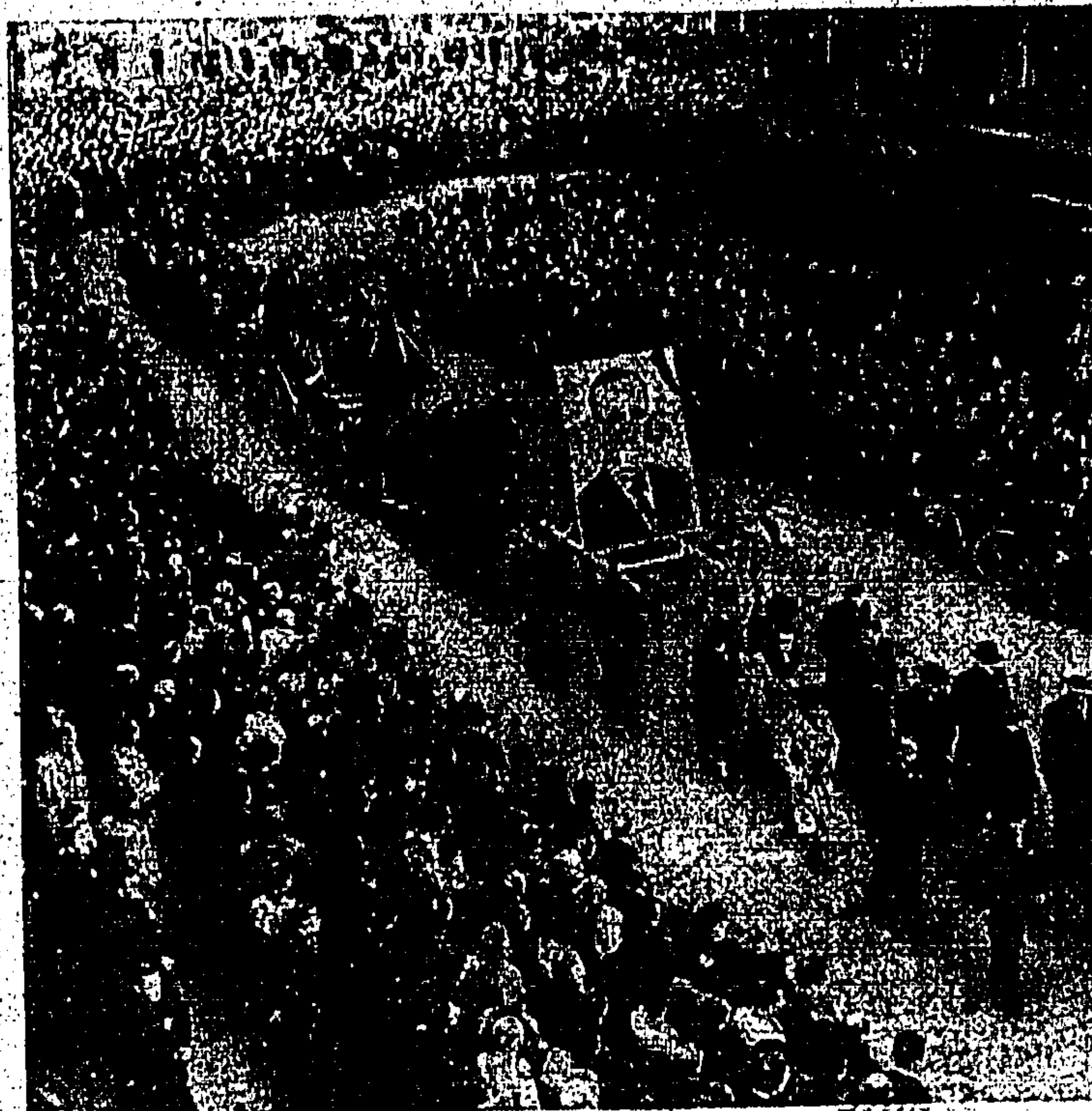
TREASURE TROVE—Two policemen look over part of \$10,000 found on a Trenton, New Jersey, car park operated by an 84-year-old recluse who had been taken to hospital suffering from malnutrition and gangrenous feet.



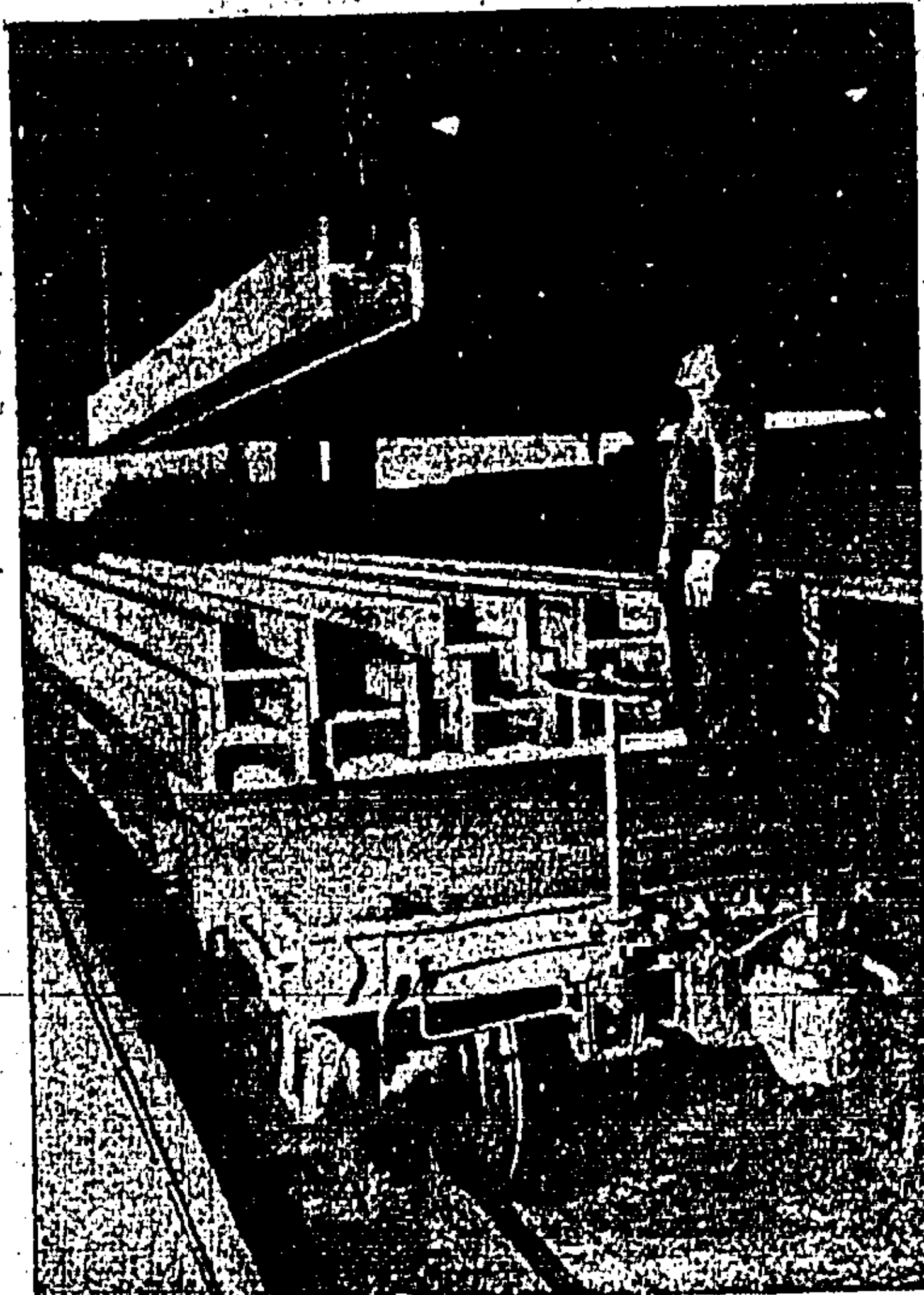
THREE LITTLE KITTENS—One cat seems to want to roam but the other three nestle snugly into the lap of Hollywood star Terry Moore, who was recently selected chairman of America's National Cat Week.



RAISING FUNDS—Germans cluster around the roulette wheel in Wiesbaden, where the municipal government decided to allow gambling as a source of added revenue for the city.



FUNERAL IN PARIS—A hearse carries the body of Communist Andre Houllier to its final resting place as Parisians watch the procession. Houllier, whose picture appears on the placard, was shot and killed by a policeman while putting up Communist party posters.



FOR UNITED NATIONS—The first steel beams for the 39-storey United Nations Secretariat Building are being loaded after being rolled in a Munhall, Pennsylvania, mill. When completed, the 30-foot, five-ton beams will be sent to New York to start construction.




FIT FOR A QUEEN—Olympic figure skating champion, Canada's Barbara Ann Scott, has a final fitting of the costume used in her professional debut in a New York ice show. Marcelle Milliner, left, and Stasia Bennett apply a few final stitches while the latest queen of the ice strikes an attractive pose.



STORY THAT'LL STAND UP—Joe Perry should have no trouble telling about the big one he landed. This four-ton, 31-foot-long shark became entangled in his nets off Rockport, California.



COUPLE OF CELTS—Patricia Mitchell of Scotland and Peggy Mara of Ireland, two waitresses at a New York hotel, put on a song and dance act for enthusiastic patrons.

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STURDY STEED—Six-year-old Gladys Marie Warren sits astride a blooded Belgium mare at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. Though she seems a bit uncomfortable, there is no doubt that the stocky animal can carry her weight of 40 pounds. The mare itself weighs just over a ton.

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EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

THE day before Christmas I was in on the murder of a tradition even stiffer than that of West Point or Sandhurst—the WAC's and I rode aboard a Navy destroyer at sea.

The ship was going to Capri, carrying General Eisenhower over for an inspection tour. Somehow managing to shatter this oldest of Navy regulations, he wrangled invitations for us females. Luckily, he chose a gorgeous afternoon filled with bright sunshine and a soft breeze, the one clear day we saw during our entire visit in Italy. Yet, seeing Capri itself, it seemed impossible that the weather could be other than lovely, for the place is surely one of the most beautiful spots on the earth.

We toured the famed resort in jeans, captivated by the indescribable colour, the luxurious air of semi-tropical leisure, and the attractive, gay little villas.

General Eisenhower, however, spotted a villa which wasn't exactly miniature. "Whose is that?" he asked, pointing. "Yours, Sir," was the reply. The General reddened, then nodded at another house, so fabulous it appeared on loan from Hollywood. "That's that," he said, pointing to General Spaatz's villa. "That's not General Spaatz's villa! None of those will belong to any general as long as I'm boss around here. This is supposed to be a rest centre for combat men—not a playground for the brass!"

The villas were decommissioned within hours after we left, reserved for the men who really needed them.

Christmas Eve

AFTER a quick lunch at Red Cross headquarters and a visit to the picturesque, cliff-bordered villa of Axel Munthe, the famous author, we headed back to the destroyer and to Naples.

That night was Christmas Eve. We all gathered at the General's villa just outside the city in a dreamy location overlooking the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. There was a small tree, bravely decorated with objects which included strings of popcorn supplied by Butch for communal popping. We gave each other silly things, just to keep the Yuletide spirit alive. General Ike gave Roman coins to all his "house" family. My own imaginative and expensive present to the Boss—a plain white handkerchief.

The General seemed relaxed and comparatively happy, although as homesick as all of us; it was a makeshift, make-do Christmas for anyone there, from four-star general to GI waiter, from Red Cross girl to civilian driver. I wandered outside and enjoyed the view of the rainy city, thinking of all the dirt and damage underneath, all the death and despair; I thought of a lunch we ate in a restaurant where Caruso sang, a lunch sabotaged by heart-breaking sight of ragged Italians digging in the slop and refuse for even a shred of palatable food. Perhaps that was why General Ike's admirer, painting in his living room a vivid view of the bay, the city, and Vesuvius—a view now banished to tourists' memories, a view never to be seen again. Going back into the villa, I took another look at that picture and knew why the General liked it so much. Soon afterwards, the party broke up.

Two Camps

AROUND nine o'clock the next morning we flew to Tunis. General Eisenhower happy with his latest Christmas present—President Roosevelt's official radio announcement that Ike would lead the invasion forces on to Europe.

The Tunis stop was made in order to permit a visit to the Prime Minister, recovering from an illness so severe that his wife was in attendance. This was my first meeting with Mrs. Churchill; she was charming, perfectly delightful, a wonderful wife to a wonderful man. I also liked their daughter Sarah, Oliver, then an officer in the WAAF. And I was flattered when they included me in their invitation to General Eisenhower to stay for an intimate Christmas party. Ellen Ruthmann, a WAC detestant overseeing the Churchill meals at Ike's suggestion, was preparing a luscious feast to be topped by champagne.

But the General smashed those dreams by insisting that he couldn't stay any longer.

The P.M. accompanied us to the door, coming out on the steps dressed in his bathrobe and his initialled slippers. An alert photographer caught him in this bawling mood, in a photo I still cherish. "See you in London, Kay!" he shouted.

On the flight to Algiers I cursed General Eisenhower most distastefully. I secretly. Our Christmas dinner consisted of a cold, tasteless, depressing Army K-ration.

Headquarters was split into two distinct camps—the happy staff members slated to go to London with the General, and the down-in-the-mouth people staying behind. I was pleased to learn that all on the household staff and the official family were coming along, including Mattie Pinette, one of the original five WAC officers, now assigned to our office for the first time.

At the same time, poor Butch again suffered. Eisenhower's wrath for breaking regulations was spread among the armies that it failed to attract attention any more. Butch probably hadn't done anything more than obey an impulse; he knew the General liked the painting, so he sliced it out without further thought.

But General Ike didn't give him time for an explanation. "You probably meant well," he yelled, "but I don't care what you thought. I don't approve of looting in any shape, any time, anywhere. And I don't want to hear any more about this—you just get it back to that villa as soon as you can!"

Back To England

I FELT sorry for Butch, who had the same expression as a tomato startled by the explosion on his master's face when he brings in a very dead mouse.

On the last day of 1943, General Eisenhower departed for the United States. He left behind a headquarters filled with the sounds of moving and farewell. The latter were briefer and unusually quiet; those of us who were leaving didn't have the heart to gloat over the stay-behinds, who slipped through the halls with funeral gloom. I was glad when our time came to leave.

Our last stop in North Africa was Marrakech. It couldn't have been a lovelier spot in which to leave both tragic and happy memories.

If Marrakech gave us a pleasant farewell, General Eisenhower's new B-17 promised a nice trip. Brand-new and smartly decorated in rich leather, this Flying Fort offered the last view in aerial luxury—a Comfort Station.

Despite the new fear of German fighters from Europe, the trip with was smooth, fast and uneventful. As our plane dropped on to an American base in southern England, Sue pointed out the window and yelled: "Look! There's a Russian officer!"

I looked—and laughed. She was pointing to an ankle-length gray overcoat which could only belong to a member of the crack, legendary Scots Guards. And the man inside that overcoat was about as Russian as the House of Lords. Lieutenant-Colonel Jimmy Gault, General Eisenhower's Military Assistant.

Blurred World

THE next and last stop was Devon Airfield, where, while Tex and the girls tried to hide our Moroccan fruit from awed station personnel, I telephoned my mother. When she came on the wire, both of us tried, unsuccessfully, to be very casual about the whole thing. It was our first talk in more than thirteen months. A lot had happened between December of 1942, when I left England, and this day, January 14, 1944, the day of my return. Dick, the torpedoman, Algiers, Tunisia, lunch with President Roosevelt, Cairo, Luxor, Palestine, Sicily, Italy... I tried to cram it all into that brief telephone conversation.

Riding into the city, I was that happiest of Britons—a Londoner coming home. Only a true Londoner can appreciate the emotion. The capital was just as scared as ever; it looked drab after the colour of Algiers, Cairo, Capri, and Marrakech, but it was London. Next morning, Mattie and I stopped outside into a damp, gray, blurred world.

"Now you're seeing the grandfather of all fogs," I told Mattie, who was bewildered and a little frightened. "This is a pea-soup, a real London pea-soup!"

It was, too. The sun was little more than a fuzzy spot high up in the dark fog. All lights blazed at the office with night-time strength. Everything was topsy-turvy, being made ready for the General's arrival.

"The Boss is coming in tonight," Tex explained. "Fog's so bad that it's impossible to fly down from Prestwick. Gault's up there with a special train." He looked questioningly at me. "They're due in about 11 p.m., Kay. Sure you can drive through this fog—or will it lift any, then?"

I laughed. "Lift? This is a pea-soup, Tex. It'll be worse by tonight. If anything. But I should know London well enough to drive it blind-folded... which is what it will amount to."

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IT HAS been a bruising year—bruising to pockets and to prestige. The people who came through best were the people who stood their ground after a smack in the eye.

For what do you remember a man by? By fine achievements, by murdering his wife, by his personality? By these—yes; but also by something more by what he attempted, the difficulties he overcame, by what the Americans call "guttiness."

For a long time beyond 1948 men will remember TRUMAN for that reason—the year's No. 1 Hitter-Back. [And with his name must go GEORGE MARSHALL, his Secretary of State, who has fought ill-health and fatigue to change the story of Europe. For the past 12 months have seen only two major changes in world power-politics: in the East the crumble of Chiang's China; in the West the operation of the Marshall Plan.]

Here in London the choice is harder. BEVIN? CRIPPS? The PRIME MINISTER? Even HARTLEY SHAWCROSS—for him a year of lovely lime-

light—would need more than stamina, gravity, and self-confidence to please the proposition that 1948 had brought new glory to the Socialist leaders.

AWAY from politics, too, the record takes up little space. There is OLIVER, of course. His "Hamlet" criticised by many as "not a Hamlet in the pure sense" is none the less probably the year's biggest achievement on celluloid.

By taking his wife, VIVIAN LEIGH, and the Old Vic Company along the dusty railroads of Australia he has helped to tell the other side of the world that the London theatre still survives the trash which occupies most of its stages. For the hunger for new faces in both the London theatre and the film studios now amounts to famine. There have been so few. (How many of the "promising starlets" of 1947 see 1948 go out and still remain—"promising starlets"?)

The best was nearly the youngest—a nine-year-old named BOBBY HENNEY, who deserves more credit than SIR RALEIGH RICHARDSON for the success of "The Fallen Idol." Even in silence it has been a year of consolidation. One man, however, whose name will be famous five years from now is Mr HYDE CON-STANTINE. He took over the research job where SIR FILIP WHITTE left off.

That night, I had my doubts. I conked the Packard down to Addison Road Station, the same place from which General Eisenhower left for North Africa.

General Ike looked very well indeed, refreshed by his visit home.

Jimmy Gault then directed me down to wards Berkeley Square, to Chesterfield 1111, where we stopped before a dim building on the corner. This was Jimmy's pride and joy, Hays Lodge, an attractive and nicely furnished town house which was to serve as the General's home and headquarters in the city. It was pleasant, after the fog, to step inside and collapse into the plush chairs. General Ike inspected the upstairs and the basement and then announced, to his Military Assistant's satisfaction, that he liked it very much. "But I'd still rather live in Telegraph Cottage, out of town," he said wistfully.

Within the week, we were settled into the same old 20 Grosvenor Square offices left behind in 1942.



The author being decorated by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

I, for the first time, had a corner in which to start whittling down the surprisingly large pile of "fan mail," already beginning to split almost equally into letters from Americans and those from Britons. Ike was busy assembling his staff, handing out assignments and getting acquainted with pre-Torch friends, from headquarters guards right up to the King of England. He made his first friendly call upon His Majesty several days later and was rather touched when the King asked (Continued on Page 3)

William Hickey

1948... it was the year when rewards went to those best able to hit back...

In the medical laboratories there has been nothing like "penicillin." Top development is largely to the credit of Mr LESTER SMITH, whose new discoveries in blood research look like leading directly to the cure of pernicious anaemia.

A blank year in radio. "Old steadies" continue "old steadies." The one new voice is JOHN ARLOTT Olympic Games commentator now broadcasting from South Africa with the M.C.C. cricket team. His comfortable, bumble-bee voice makes you want to get out into the sun.

Television moves into its first big-time Christmas—without any star in the class of New York's MILTON BERLE. The not-very-near nearest is JOAN GILBERT of "Picture Page," to many eyes an irritating woman; nevertheless the closest thing to a British television star.

BUT with all the disappointments, the mediocrity, the sense of stalematedness, there have been also the cheerful flashes. 1948 remembered many men for many reasons. Women, too.

GRACIE FIELDS, for turning a perfect carwash at the age of 50, and in so doing (along with other talents) proving that a British music-hall ritz can still pack the Palladium.

INGRID BERGMAN, for halting a procession of disillusionment by proving even pleasanter in the flesh than on celluloid.

DR EDITH SUMMERSKILL, for keeping the loyalty of a husband who feeds on snook.

MRS FANNY BLANKERS-KOEN, for the year's oddest title: "The racing housewife."

Air Vice-Marshal DONALD BENNETT, 37-year-old Chief Executive of British South American Airways.

For losing his job because he believed in the British-built Tudor airplane; and then proving his beliefs were right by operating two of them on the Berlin air-lift with complete success.

WILF MANNION, for trying to smash the slave-market in footballers.

The now ageing but still Terrible Twins of Literature (a) GRAHAM GREENE and (b) EVELYN WAUGH—(a) for so skilfully building the year's intelligent best seller out of a theme he has worked so often before; (b) for making the Americans pay heavily to read a lampoon of their own (anyway, California's) attitude to Death.

And, MR STANLEY...

STORM in a paint-pot is blowing up between the Royal Academy and the Tate Gallery—and the Government may have to be called in before things get rough.

The trouble is to decide that sort of pictures £2,250 a year (interest on the Chantry Bequest) shall buy.

The money is spent by the R.A., but the pictures are then handed to the Tate.

But the Tate dislike the selection so much that, out of 330 pictures bought for £145,000 in the last 70 years, they have only shown 12 (and a bust by Epstein).

It is a battle between tastes. Seventy-year-old SIR ALFRED MURNINGS, president of the R.A., likes the so-called "popular" pictures that tell a story.

Tate Gallery director JOHN ROTHENSTEIN (40) champions what he considers subtler works.

Rothenstein's newest strategy is to ask Murnings to hold an exhibition of the entire picture-purchase. He counts on the intellectuals laughing them back to the cellars.

SID FIELD thinks his stage-ketch as a snooker tyro has damaged his market value. In London's Albany Club Christmas snooker handicap—in which players are auctioned to other members—Sid was knocked down for £135. "I'd fetch more as horse-flesh," said Sid.

Whoever bought the contest winner stood to win all the other bids—this time totalling about £23,000.

Other famous names featured in the bargain basement: ARTHUR AS-KEY's chance of winning was reckoned at £15; JACK BYRON got three quick nods, and went for £30; TEDDY KNOX fetched £100.

Bookmakers' favourite was West End Cysterman, BICE BENWEXY. The prize for winning is, "only" about £300, so players may buy back from bidders a half-share in themselves. Sid Field has risked it.

MOST awkward age for children?

FOR GIRLS, readers say, it is around 13 to 14. One reason: "They no longer think a date is a fault."

Hickey's choice, from 15-year-old ALMA FLEMING, Lowfield-terrace, Walker Estate, Newcastle-on-Tyne, speaking of herself: "Because I'm too old for lollipop, too young for a film, and boy friends, but old enough to look after baby brother."

SHOE repurser's shop in Hampton Wick, Middlesex, spotlights a jar of nails. Passers-by are asked to guess "How many?" It seems like thousands, but no one so far has guessed exactly.

It is the same with controls in Britain today. This week, when the Board of Trade was asked to guess, an official said: "We just can't say, old man. There must be thousands."

Finally he unearthed "a man who was bound to know." But he didn't. His name: G. R. MERRIMAN. His title: Controller of Controls.

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"Pepped Up" Preacher Appeals For Char

Birmingham, Jan. 16.—The Reverend Bryan Green, in his first sermon as Anglican Rector of Birmingham, today appealed to his unusually large congregation to find him a charwoman.

He said: "I have taken over a very big rectory, really far too big for my wants. For the last fortnight my wife and I, with the help of some parishioners, have been scrubbing it, and both of us now have corns on our hands."

Reverend Green, aged 49, drew 40,000 worshippers to St John, The Divine, Cathedral in New York during his gospeling tour of the United States last autumn.

Birmingham churchgoers, intrigued by stories of his "pepped up" preaching methods, streamed into the Church of St Martin's for the morning service. The attendance was nearly 900, compared with the usual 100.—Reuter.

PWD FOREMAN IN WITNESS BOX FOR THIRD DAY

Cross-examination of Ho Ting, foreman of the electrical department of the Public Works Department, attached to the Wanchai workshop, continued before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the trial of two employees of the Public Works Department charged with theft of Government stores entered its tenth day.

The witness, who had already spent two days in the witness box, asserted that it was practically impossible to draw stores from the store-room of the Wanchai workshop without a store order note, signed by himself and counter-signed by the officer-in-charge.

ELDER'S ACTION FOR LIBEL

A libel action, brought by a village elder of Lamma Island, against a newspaper publisher and a newspaper editor was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff was Ng Yung-kan, of Shu Wan village, Lamma Island, and defendants were Tsai Kwor-yin, of 2 Gage Street, the proprietor; Ho Lai-wah, 43, Hollywood Road, the printer; Ho Kwok-wah, 2 Gage Street, the publisher; and Ho Kin-fel, 2 Gage Street, the editor.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Chas. Loxley, instructed by Mr. A. J. Arculli. Defendants were absent and were not legally represented.

The Statement of Claim stated that plaintiff claimed \$20,000 damages against first defendant as proprietor of the newspaper Kwai Yit Yat Po; against second defendant as printer; against third defendant as publisher; and against fourth defendant as editor, for libels published in the newspaper on two separate dates, on December 3, 1948, under the heading "Eleven Representatives of New Territories prosecuting Ng Yung-kan. He is suspected of having squeezed villagers for his own benefit," and on December 15, 1948, under the heading "The Government Rice Depot prosecuted by the inhabitants of eleven villages on Lamma Island for having charged (some money) for expenses with the result that the Yee Wo Rice Depot was abolished by order."

Mr. Loxley said that the writ of summons was issued in June 1947, an appearance was entered on behalf of all defendants in the same month and the statement of claim was filed on November 3, 1947. No defence however was filed. Defendants' solicitors, Messrs Wilkinson and Grist retired following the application to the Court in December 1948. In their application, Mr. Loxley continued, they set out the circumstances that defendants had at all material times knowledge of the action to be brought but had given them no instructions.

The newspaper concerned and the people concerned disappeared. Mr. Loxley said and there was therefore no possibility of recovering any damages.

Referring to the present action, Counsel submitted it was admitted because there was no defence. The articles were published by gross negligence.

NO TRUTH IN CHARGES

Plaintiff in evidence said he lived in an unnumbered house in Lamma Island and was responsible for the distribution of rice and Red Cross parcels. In the northern part of Lamma Island in 1946, in accordance with Government instructions, he produced a paper of December 15, 1946, with big type headlines. He declared there was no truth at all in the allegations contained in the articles which accused him of dishonesty, fraud and breach of trust. He further declared that he was never deposed from his position.

He understood there had been some complaint alleging he was selling Red Cross parcels. As a result of the complaint, inquiries were made by the District Officer who was satisfied there was no truth in the allegations. He produced two documents signed by the District Officer to that effect.

Plaintiff said that the previous rice distributor had lost money and had resigned. He was asked by the villagers to take over the position and each ration card holder agreed to put in a deposit of \$1.50, as rice had to be paid for before its distribution.

When he resigned from the position, witness said he refunded the \$1.50 to each depositor. He declared he was a respectable merchant, had been a village elder for the past 20 years, and was still one, and was proud of the position. That being so, he resented the articles published against him.

Hearing was adjourned until March 9.

Music As A Cure For Mentally Ill

London, Jan. 16.—Two doctors have been experimenting here on the effect of music on mentally-ill patients. The results of their attempts are published in the current "Lancet," the British medical journal.

The doctors recall that Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher and mathematician, is said to have cured many mentally-ill patients with music, and to have composed melodies against despondency, anger and desires.

For months, these modern doctors met a group of 14 patients of both sexes—mainly young or middle-aged—once a week for an hour in a small hospital library.

Gramophone records of all types of music, from swing to Beethoven, were played to them.

Here are some of the results:

Modern dance music had little effect on the patients. Traditional music and folk songs aroused a spirit of friendliness and ease among them. "These, though they stir up archaic forces in the mind, are, it seems, strongly integrating," the doctors said.

Impassioned music stimulated interest in the more withdrawn patients, but had no therapeutic value.

Serious contemporary music, by such composers as Stravinsky, Bartok and Varèse, was sometimes powerful enough to bring repressed unconscious forces into the consciousness of inhibited schizophrenic (split personality) patients.

"Integration of the mind was not necessarily fostered, however, and might even be hindered because the patient could not come to terms with the emotions aroused," the doctors found.

The architectural and formal structure of the classical style gave the patients an increased feeling of security.

The romantic style brought emotional release, especially on inhibited sensuous experience.

Summing up the doctors' findings that attempts at personality reconstruction may be made by appealing to "the fundamental need for form and beauty," the Lancet asked: "Must this appeal be confined to what enters by ear?"

The journal recommended sights and smell—thought to be the strongest evocants of memory—to influence moods.—Reuter.

Rising Sun To Be Rationed

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—The Japanese government is planning to put the national flag on the list of rationed items.

Officials disclosed today that there was not enough cloth to meet the increased demand for flags following the New Year message removing all restrictions on the use of Japan's national colours.

Before the war it was customary for most Japanese to display the "Rising Sun" at their homes on important national holidays and other special occasions. This was temporarily banned after the war.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry said the new flag would probably have to be made from silk because of the shortage of cotton.—United Press.

HOT DOG CEILING

Washington, Jan. 16.—A cup of coffee will cost 15 cents and a hot dog 20 cents at stands along the route of President Truman's inaugural parade next Thursday.

Announcing a ceiling price list for concessions, Inaugural Committee officials today said they felt that these prices, which are between 20 and 50 per cent above normal, were "just and reasonable" in view of the fact that the snack bars will operate only one day.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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Col. L. T. Ride (left) Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, accepts a plaque donated to the corps by the Winnipeg Grenadiers, from the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Mr. K. F. Noble, at the Volunteers' last mess dinner on Friday night. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

Escaped Czech Says Russia Is Not Preparing For War

New York, Jan. 16.—Dr. Arnost Heidrich, former Secretary-General of the Czech Foreign Office, considers that Communist activities "do not suggest that the Soviet Union is at present preparing for an aggressive war against the West," according to James Reston, Washington Correspondent of the New York Times.

Reston said that Heidrich, who disappeared last November, has reached Washington with a detailed story of Communist activities and plans in Eastern Europe.

He added that Heidrich, who was "well-known and trusted" by the United States Government, had been brought to Washington by the United States authorities.

Reston said Heidrich thought Generalissimo Stalin was trying to build up an "Eastern Ruhr" in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Heidrich was quoted to have said: "The Soviet Union seems to be developing Czechoslovakia primarily as a source of economic reconstruction in Russia, as a source of military supplies, and as a strategic territory that must be denied to the Western Powers, rather than as a base for an attack on the West."

Heidrich, who is 59, was legal and political adviser to Dr. Edouard Benes, former Czech President, for 14 years. He managed to bring his wife and child out of Czechoslovakia with him.

He was also said to have reported that Russia was receiving some tanks and guns from Czechoslovakia, but was demanding conditions so that they could be finished in secret in Russia.

Heidrich was further quoted as saying that it was obvious that the Russians did not trust the Czech Army, and did not feel that they could wage war against the West on Czech soil.

The Russians, he said, were using every possible kind of pressure and police state tactics to gain control over the economic life of the whole of Eastern Europe, with a view of re-building their own strength at the expense of others.

Heidrich was reported to have described President Klement Gottwald as "a good Czech," but not the strongest man in the Government, and that he held his post mainly because Generalissimo Stalin liked him personally.—Reuter.

Scandinavian Leaders Begin Talks

Copenhagen, Jan. 16.—Scandinavian political leaders will begin here tomorrow a fortnight of discussions which are expected to produce decisions vital to Scandinavian and world politics.

The Danish parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee will receive reports from Danish military experts tomorrow and Tuesday on last week's Oslo talks with Norwegian and Swedish leaders.

Next week-end, the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Premiers and Defence and Foreign Ministers will meet again in Copenhagen after their surprise and top-secret talks last week at Karlstad, Sweden.

This will be followed by a further meeting in Oslo on January 20 and 30.

The most important decision expected to emerge from these talks will be whether the Scandinavian countries intend to form a "neutral" regional military alliance not connected with the Western Powers, or whether they will join in an "Atlantic Pact" with the Brussels Pact powers.

Well-informed opinion here would be surprised if Scandinavia chose to form a "mutual" regional pact without commitments in the West (or East), but with "good connections" with the Western Powers.

The progress of the military experts' meeting has been kept in strictest confidence. The latest announcement is merely a laconic statement that a meeting has taken place, but it is known that the discussions were technical and not political.

The Danish Chiefs of Staff's report tomorrow and Tuesday will have an important bearing on Denmark's attitude to a Scandinavian alliance.—Reuter.

BAO DAI HEARS FRENCH WISHES

Cannes, Jan. 16.—M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, today told ex-Empress Bao Dai that France wishes him to return soon to Vietnam, according to a communique issued here at the end of the first day of agreement talks.

The discussions, taking place at the Chateau de Thorence, the ex-Empress's residence, are to last until Tuesday. The High Commissioner arrived this morning by air from Paris.

The communique, issued by a member of Bao Dai's staff, said that the ex-Empress's return to Vietnam depended upon "the realisation of the legitimate aspirations" of the Vietnamese people, described as (1) the preservation of Vietnamese unity, and (2) the granting of the "attributes of national sovereignty" to a United Vietnam.—Reuter.

Pakistan-Ceylon Trade

Karachi, Jan. 16.—Pakistan and Ceylon negotiated a trade pact during the weekend, it was disclosed tonight. Ceylon, it was understood, has undertaken to supply 8,000 tons of coconut and coconut oil to Pakistan this year, while Pakistan has agreed to export foodstuffs and dried fish.

The agreement is subject to ratification by both Governments.—Reuter.

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Paris Police Act Against Strikers

Paris, Jan. 16.—Police went into action early today to clear sit-down strikers from the Paris motorcar works of Panhard Levasseur, where 3,000 workers have been on strike since Thursday, demanding higher wages.

This followed a warning last night by the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, that he would adhere to his wage-freezing programme. His warning seemed addressed as much to some of his leftwing Cabinet colleagues as to the workers.

A new struggle in France between the Government and organised labour over higher wage demands would seem imminent following several "highlights" strikes for increased wages in the past few days. *** "Tam Kain Pui" ***

Agitation for a general increase follows the passing by Parliament of an onerous but theoretically balanced budget.

The main pressure comes from the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (the CGT), but the movement is fully supported by the Socialist, Christian and other trade union organisations. This creates a difficult position inside the Coalition Government, where some Socialist and Popular Republican Ministers are inclined to think that some new wage concessions to labour are desirable.

The recent order freezing prices at their level on December 8 is regarded as more spectacular than effective, and intended as an assurance to labour that the Government is continuing its efforts to force down prices.

The Government is counting more on the downward trend in world cereal prices to react on the cost of retail food prices in France. It wants to gain two or three months' time and hopes that by the spring the world trend will have introduced a stabilising element more effective than any Government control measures.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01. "It's Swing Time"; 6.30. Portuguese Hit Parade (Studio); 7.00. World News and Analysis (London Relay); 7.15. "The Adventures of Croimondely" by Jonathan Swift (Studio); 7.30. "Hoping for a Good Night" presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio); 8.00. "From the Editor's Desk" by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society; 8.30. "Like What I Like" Presented by Peter Huith (Studio); 9.00. Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) and Alcazar (Piano) Entertainers; 9.15. Film Review by Ross Arnold (Studio); 9.30. London Playhouse: "The White Unicorn" with Margaret Lockwood and Dennis Price; 10.15. Radio Newsworld (London Relay); 10.30. Weather Report; 10.45. London Studio Concert. The Westminster Orchestra conducted by Denis Wright (BBC); 11.00. Studio for Orchestra; 11.15. Weather Report and Close down.

LEE THEATRE

COMING ATTRACTION



EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

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for an Eisenhower autograph for a royal relative.

Upon another occasion, the King also asked if he might be eligible for the European Theatre ribbon. Planned to cover American campaigns anywhere from North Africa to Germany, the ribbon already was a sore point with Mediterranean veterans who scoffed at London troops wearing the same award given to those in combat—and the English thought it humorous that Yanks got a decoration for just being in England. The King, however, wanted that ribbon. He was, of course, the technical chief of Britain's armed forces and he had been in Africa. So the Jenting mightily upon General Marshall's Washington prowess, arranged the details. Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts was another Empire leader who requested and received the little E.T.O. ribbon. The King always wore his with pride, but I thought it strange that he resolved the decoration without a whisper of publicity. It wasn't even mentioned in the all-inclusive Court Calendar.

The day after Anzio began, I drove General Eisenhower to an important Sunday meeting of the Allied commanders at Norfolk House, a tall and spacious building originally owned by the family of the Duke of Norfolk, premier Duke of England. Norfolk House, which served as AFHQ before the North African invasion, now was stiff and formal with its new importance as the "Overlord" planning centre. Even parking space was numbered in strict accordance with military protocol.

Heading our plain olive-drab towards the Number One spot, however, I saw it was occupied by the shiny, black Rolls Royce which could belong to but one man in all of England—General Montgomery. I was furious, as only a rank-conscious Army driver can be.

"That's okay now," General Ike said boisterously. "Don't say anything. It just doesn't matter."

After he got out, I made it a point to remark, ever so sweetly, to Montgomery's driver, that there must be some mistake. And when the car emerged from Norfolk House, his car was in the space, his driver beaming a purely feline smile.

(COPIRIGHT TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW)

Saturday's League Cricket By "Recorder"

EVERYTHING RUNS TO FORM

Saturday's League Cricket programme produced no upset and winning margins everywhere were overwhelming. The point standings at the end of the afternoon's play point very much to the relative merits of the League teams.

The big game of the afternoon—Recrelo v. Scorpions at Chater Road—was a low-scoring one despite the impressive roster of outstanding bats on either side.

The Recrelo combination of Pereira and Dr. Gosano did better than Howarth, Pearce and Owen-Hughes and it was steady bowling and good fielding that won Recrelo the day.

Top scorer turned out to be E. M. L. Soares, making his re-appearance in the side, whose 36 was a useful contribution to Recrelo's total of 101. Of the Scorpions' strong batting side, only H. Owen-Hughes held his own for an undefeated knock of 24, out of an innings total of 74. The game was over shortly after 5 o'clock.

UNIVERSITY TROUNCED

The unpredictable University team collapsed before the bowling of Gunner D. Banton whose six for 21 at Sookunpoo included the wickets of J. M. Gosano, for a single after being 122 not out on the same ground last week, Tommy Lo and D. Chellala.

Army found four stayers in double figures to win very comfortably by five wickets.

EASY GOING

KCC had a very easy time of it against Craighower at Cox's Path, though four wickets were down for 20 runs at one stage.

A long partnership between Hart-Baker and Davidson changed the whole picture, the latter producing some pretty stroke play for his 53. Still, 150 for seven was no remarkable score against Craighower's limited bowling strength and very indifferent fielding.

The Valley team had a remarkable innings. Four bats were registered on the board and then four wickets fell for no additional score. The fifth wicket fell with 10 on the board.

Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

BATTING

N. Hart-Baker (KCC v. CCC)	60
W. M. Davidson (KCC v. CCC)	53
G. A. Souza (CCC v. KCC)	41
E. M. L. Soares (Recrelo v. Scorpions)	36
K. A. Miller (Optimists v. Royal Navy)	31
G. N. Gosano (Recrelo v. Scorpions)	31
G. C. Taylor (KCC v. CCC)	6-20
Gnr D. Banton (Army v. University)	6-21
Dr E. L. Gano (Recrelo v. Scorpions)	5-29
D. McLellan (Optimists v. Royal Navy)	4-9
A. L. Smith (Optimists v. Royal Navy)	4-23
T. H. Leen (University v. Army)	4-34
F. Howarth (Scorpions v. Recrelo)	4-35
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo v. Scorpions)	4-45

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
G. N. Gosano (Recrelo)	10	3	324	55	46.28
H. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	9	2	308	110	44.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	9	4	154	28	38.50
T. M. Gosano (University)	11	2	312	122	34.00
Dr E. L. Gano (Recrelo)	9	3	195	79	32.50
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	8	4	122	47	30.50
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	8	1	194	85	27.71
G. A. Souza (Craighower)	10	3	187	41	26.71
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	8	2	152	39	24.00
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	9	1	124	61	24.25
A/C J. S. Beine (RAF)	9	1	102	71	24.00
A. M. Prata (Recrelo)	7	2	110	43	22.00
D. H. Leach (Scorpions)	8	1	175	48	21.87
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	8	2	130	57	21.66
P. M. N. da Silva (Recrelo)	10	4	128	33	21.33
A. H. Madar (IRC)	6	1	105	46	21.00
Major C. R. Murray Brown (Army)	10	2	122	37	20.33
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	9	1	170	70	18.88
Major A. R. Dave (Army)	8	1	151	39	18.87
E. C. Finch (KCC)	9	1	109	53	18.77
M. M. Little (Optimists)	9	1	148	58	18.50
A. Zimmer (KCC)	10	1	105	42	18.30
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	10	1	158	58	17.55
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	9	1	154	39	17.11
G. Hong Choy (Craighower)	9	1	110	31	16.71
W/Cdr A. D. Pantan (RAF)	7	1	110	31	16.71

* Not Out. Qualification: 100 runs for an average of over 15.00.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Clague (Scorpions)	25.3	4	51	10	5.10
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	23.3	4	33	14	5.92
Cpl. Hart (Royal Navy)	44	14	117	16	7.31
Dr E. L. Gano (Recrelo)	17.2	41	220	30	7.63
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	92	25	214	28	7.64
L. A. Stepto (Army)	88.2	20	233	27	8.62
L/Cpl L. Jones (Army)	47	8	158	10	8.77
A. R. Kitchell (IRC)	35	8	134	15	8.93
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	69	19	208	23	9.08
J. C. Koh (University)	12.5	7	200	28	9.28
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo)	13.1	28	301	42	9.30
G. N. Gosano (Recrelo)	40.3	9	133	14	9.50
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	88.5	9	271	27	10.37
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	115.1	20	300	20	11.03
G. Hong Choy (Craighower)	22.1	0	111	10	11.10
D. McLellan (Optimists)	41.3	7	150	12	11.25
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	47.5	10	384	30	12.80
T. H. Leen (University)	117	15	245	19	12.89
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	82	10	250	19	13.15
CPO White (Royal Navy)	92	14	272	20	13.60
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	94.5	13	217	15	14.40
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	63.5	10	143	10	14.30
A. E. Perry (Optimists)	61	19	326	23	14.61
B. M. Teh (University)	101	27	582	37	14.91
F. J. Zimmerman (KCC)	81	19	286	17	16.82
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	80.5	5	207	10	15.63
R. E. Lee (KCC)	93.5	10	273	17	16.05
T. Crabtree (Craighower)	152.5	27	474	28	16.92

Qualification: 10 wickets for an average under 10.00.

PIERCING DRIVE



Edward Keeney, playing on the Lac La Belle golf course at Oconomowoc, Wis., got the golfing surprise of his life. After driving off a wooden peg from the No. 2 green, he found his ball embedded with a celluloid tee. Luckily, he had two witnesses to the unusual event.

PAYMENTS TO TOURING CRICKETERS

An Old Grouse Again Raises Its Head

By PETER DITTON

That old grouse, payments to professional cricketers on tour, has raised its ugly head again. Writing in the "Evening Standard," Bruce Harris, Sports Editor, says "Complaints—privately expressed inevitably—are made by our cricket professionals on the fees they receive for the South African Tour."

Really it is no wonder. It is only necessary to compare the amount—£450—with the figure received by Freddie Mills for his fight against Johnny Ralph, to realise that top-flight cricketers are among the worst paid men in sport.

A fair estimate of Mills' takings would be £10,000. The MCC professionals are paid £50 a match in South Africa and the rest comes back to England where it is taxed.

Hotel and travel expenses are defrayed, of course, but even so £50 a month in South Africa is not a great deal, especially when it is considered that the men are spending quite a lot on food parcels for their families in England.

Recently I discussed this subject of payment to cricketers with Allan Rae, the West Indian Test batsman, who is on tour with his fellow countrymen in India. Here the case is slightly altered because Rae is an amateur, but he told me that by the time the tour of India was over, he would be out of pocket to the tune of £50. That is quite a sum of money to forfeit for the right to play for one's country.

The MCC professionals may not be out of pocket as a result of their South African tour, but equally certainly they will not make their tour. The money which people imagine has been broken. The people who will benefit are the South African cricket authorities—who take all the financial risks and after expenses are paid, collect what is left.

This should be a considerable sum. The MCC are attracting large crowds and already in two weeks he Test matches, ground records have been broken. But whether the South Africans make £10 or £10,000 at the end of the tour—and it will be much nearer the second figure—the professionals will only collect their basic £450 less tax.

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In the past the MCC, the controlling body of English cricket, has set aside large sums from tours abroad and from matches played by visiting teams in England to finance county cricket. Without these grants from the MCC, many counties would have had to 'shut up shop' a long time ago.

Nowadays, however, few if any counties have to rely on this subsidy from the MCC. County cricket is flourishing as it has never done before and most teams have now got a useful little sum in the bank, and could, if necessary, manage without this assistance.

Members of the South African Board of Control are delighted with the present gates which the MCC touring team have drawn, but until it was pointed out to them, few realised that the players were barely breaking even on the tour.

They know what a great attraction a touring side can be, and just how much is owed to the poorly paid professionals, and they are considering ways in which they can help the MCC stars.

Now, I understand the MCC are also concerned about the payments to players, and the question of revised contracts, with adequate provision for increased expenses of post-war touring, is to be taken up at Lords.

The obvious answer is to base the payments to players on Australian standards. Australian players making a tour abroad are given

WORLD SOCCER CUP ARRANGEMENTS

Geneva, Jan. 16.—England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will form a pool for the 1950 world soccer cup competition, from which two teams will qualify for the 16-nation final rounds to be played in Brazil.

This was announced here today by the organising committee of the competition.

The two teams from this British pool will accompany six other finalists from Europe and the Near East, while South America will send five finalists. North and Central America will furnish two finalists and Asia one.

The preliminary rounds must be completed by April 28, 1950, and the finals are to be played in Brazil between June 29 and July 10 of that year.

The four-man organising committee drew up the eliminator rounds as follows:

Europe and Near East group: Turkey v. Syria (winner to play Austria to produce one finalist); Yugoslavia v. Palestine (winner to play France to produce one finalist); Switzerland v. Luxembourg (winner to play Belgium for one finalist); Finland v. Elze (winner to play Sweden to produce one finalist); Spain v. Portugal (winner to enter the final rounds); England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to produce two finalists from their pool; Italy, as holders of the trophy since it was last decided in 1938, pass straight into the final rounds.

SOUTH AMERICAN GROUP
South American group: Argentina, Chile and Bolivia to form a pool to produce two finalists; Uruguay, Peru and Ecuador to produce two finalists; Brazil, as the host nation, pass straight into the final rounds.

North and Central American group: United States, Cuba and Mexico to produce two finalists. Asiatic group: Burma, All-India and the Philippines to produce one finalist.

Indonesia was not listed as she had not been definitely affiliated to the International Federation. The organising committee decided that the finals should be played every Thursday and Sunday, starting Thursday, June 29, 1950. They would be played in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and perhaps Belo Horizonte under International Board regulations.

Following the ten-day meeting, the chairman, Mr. Karel Lotzky, of the

Money Back!

Frankfurt, Jan. 16.—Indignant when the referee stopped play 7,000 football fans in Frankfurt today stormed the box office, injured the cashier, and got away with handfuls of money.

Mounded police restored order. The fans argued that the referee should have known the pitch would be boggy after rain. He stopped the play after 25 minutes.—Reuter.

STORY OF SANDY SADDLER

Sometimes A Man Can Be Too Good

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Jan. 16.—Sometimes a man can be so good at his profession that he really can't be a success, and world featherweight champion Sandy Saddler is one of these.

Saddler, a skinny, 22-year-old Negro, hits so hard and so punishingly that he can't find opponents. And without opponents Sandy can't make any money.

"Right after Sandy knocked out Willie Pep on October 29 to win the title, I got offers from promoters in more than a dozen cities," said manager Charley Johnston. "We wanted to accept them all, so I told the promoters to wire me the names of prospective opponents, dates and terms."

"After that I got only silence. So I telephoned the promoters. Every one of them said that he was having trouble getting an opponent for Sandy, despite the money and prestige of fighting a champion."

CORROBORATED

Promoter Johnny Attell of Philadelphia corroborates Johnston. "He was one of the matchmakers who wanted Saddler," said Attell. "I was sure I'd have no trouble making a non-title match. I worked like a beaver all week and couldn't find a boxer who would meet Sandy. They all say he's too dangerous."

Manager Johnston took up the dirge. "I'd like to have Saddler fight every two or three weeks. He has to keep busy to keep sharp."

"If he doesn't work, he gets lazy and sluggish. And even more important—Sandy and I want to make a lot of money with this title. We never made more than bare living before, you know."

"During the past couple of years Sandy had to fight most of his bouts in Latin America and Hawaii and the British West Indies because we couldn't get matches at home. Nobody wanted to fight him."

Champion Willie Pep was the leader in the "I don't want to fight Saddler club" and he proved to have a better eye for Saddler's ability than the sports writers, all of whom rated Pep as one of the few truly great fighters of the past decade.

No one could understand why Pep and his manager, Lou Vicarsi, were so frightened of Sandy.

GOT THE IDEA

Some of the writers began to get an idea of Pep's apprehensions when they visited Saddler's training camp

Netherlands, said that the committee's next meeting would be held in Amsterdam next April. "We will need many more meetings to organise the whole thing," he said. He added that the question of referees had not yet been touched upon.—Reuter.

THOMAS CUP

MALAYANS CONFIDENT OF BEATING UNITED STATES

London, Jan. 16.—Mr. Lim Chuah-Gook, manager of the Malaysian Thomas Cup badminton team, commenting on the result of the United States-India games, said he was confident his team would defeat the Americans at Glasgow on February 21 and 22 and would go on to defeat the European Zone winner—expected to be Denmark—in the final.

England will meet Denmark in the Zone final on January 20 and 21.

Mr. Lim said his confidence has been increased by the excellent showing of his team against Wimbledon on January 12, when the Malaysians won all their games comfortably although the Wimbledon team included four All-England players.—Reuter.

Americans Swamp Indian Players

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—India's Mohan Lal gave the United States singles badminton champion, Dara Freeman, some anxious moments last night before falling before Freeman's play 18-14 and 15-3 in a featured match of the international series at the Pqn Pacific Auditorium.

The Indian took the first five points of the first game and led all the way to deuce. Stealing a serve, Freeman went on to take the game after several lengthy rallies.

Freeman, undefeated in 10 years of play, stroked a to one-sided but closely contested 15-3 win in the second game.

In earlier singles matches, Dick Mitchell of San Diego defeated Henri Ferreira of India 15-7, 15-7, and Martin Mendez, No. 2 U.S. player, beat George Lewis of India 15-12 and 15-12.

In the doubles, Freeman and Wynn Rogers teamed to defeat Lewis and Mohan Lal 15-0, 15-7. Barney McCay and Joe Alston of the United States downed India's D.G. Mugge and B. Ullal 17-15 and 15-13.—United Press.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The American badminton team which meets Malaysia in the Thomas Cup tournament on February 21 in Glasgow, Scotland, is an "unknown quantity," Mr. Warren Wheary, President of the American Badminton Association, said here.

"They are our best players," he said. "They performed brilliantly last week in beating a Canadian team by eight matches to one, but they have had no other international competition."

"We understand the Malaysian team is composed of exceptionally fine players. Our only basis for comparison is the fact that Canada two weeks ago defeated the All-India team by seven matches to two."

The six-man American team and its coach, Ken Davidson, leaves New York by air on February 13 and expects to reach Glasgow the next day. The players will remain for the Thomas Cup finals and the All-England Tournament on March 3.

The winner of the American-European Zone winner in the Cup finals. This is the first badminton team to play abroad. It is led by David Freeman, undefeated in the



THE WEEK-END SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL GOVERNOR'S CUP

CNAAF	5	IRFA	3
Navy	2	RAY	2
Eastern	5	St. Joseph's	2
Club	0	Chinese Ath.	1
Kwong Wah	1	Army	2
Police	0	S. China "A"	0
Kitcher	1	S. China "B"	2

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S. China "A"	12	11	1	0	38	12	23
KM Bus	11	9	0	2	35	12	18
Chinese AA	12	8	1	3	31	15	17
Army	12	7	2	3	30	22	14
Kitcher	12	6	1	5	37	20	13
S. China "B"	12	5	3	4	31	30	13
Eastern	11	5	2	4	25	22	12
St. Joseph's	11	4	2	5	25	20	10
Club	11	3	2	6	17	25	8
Police	10	2	3	5	17	28	7
Navy	12	2	2	8	17	35	6
RAF	12	1	2	9	17	40	4
Kwong Wah	12	1	1	10	14	37	3

SECOND DIVISION

Club	1	South China	1
Police	1	Dockyard	1
Navy	4	Solicitors	1
PCA	4	St. Joseph's	1
KM Bus	3	Tramways	2

HOCKEY INTER-HONG MATCH

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RUGBY QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Club	0	Army	8
Royal Navy	13	RAF & Police	8

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club	5	4	1	0	65	12	9
Army	5	3	1	1	64	20	7
Royal Navy	5	2	0	3	65	40	4
RAF & Police	5	0	0	5	11	121	0

SOFTBALL SENIOR LEAGUE

Canadians	15	Filipinos	6
Madcaps	5	Khalia	7
Chung Hwa	5	VRK	21
Overseas	5	HKBC	3
Americans	forfeited	to Saints	

JUNIOR LEAGUE

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Attack Spade Suit To Defeat Contract

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

EVERYONE who plays cards has heard of the bridge clubs where the experts meet to ply their skill. Never before have I heard the aristocracy of the card room so well described as in the story of the six of spades in the new book, "Right Through the Pack."

To get into an English bridge club is quite an achievement in itself. When the lecturer in logic and statistics at the university presented himself and said he wanted to join on the recommendation of a member, he was reluctantly admitted.

"Have you played bridge much?" inquired the club secretary. "Never in my life," replied the lecturer in logic, "but I read a book on it, and it seems quite a simple game. May I play a rubber or two with three of your members?"

"Oh," said the club secretary, "our members are all experts. But I will sit beside you, and if you

♠ J542
♥ 86
♦ 10843
♣ 705

♠ AQ9
♥ K82
♦ K802
♣ Q5

♠ 106
♥ 104
♦ AQJ9
♣ AK42

Rubber—Neither vul.
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ Pass 1 N.T.
2 ♠ 2 N.T. Pass 3 ♥
Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass
Opening—♦ 3 29

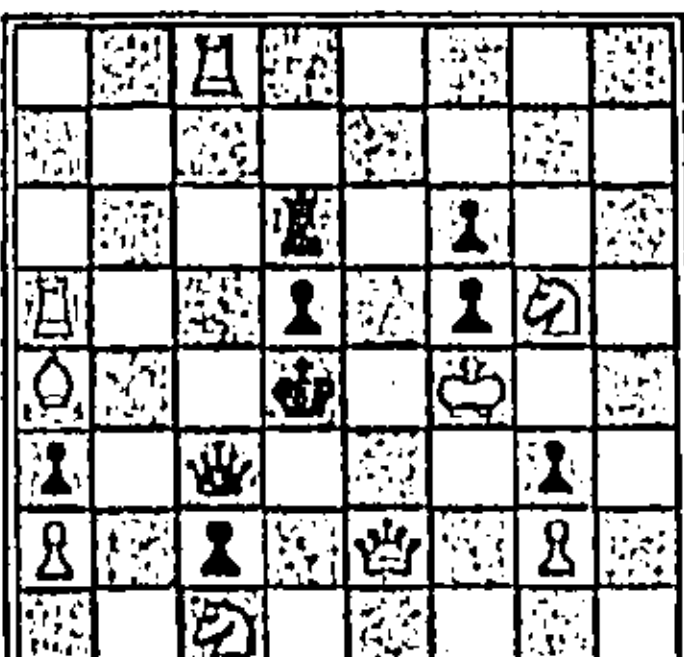
will agree that I may stop the game at any moment, I will allow you to start a rubber." Today's hand is the first one that came up, with the lecturer in logic sitting South.

On the opening lead of the three of diamonds dummy played the king and the lecturer won the trick with the ace. Now he played the six of spades. "Stop the game," said the club secretary. "You cannot lead into a tenace position."

All I can tell you is that the lecturer in logic was right. He had to attack the spade suit immediately, before declarer could set up the two club tricks and discard the six of spades. North's jack would knock out the queen, and the next time the lecturer was in the lead, he could knock out the other spade. Then nothing could stop him from getting two clubs, a diamond and a spade.

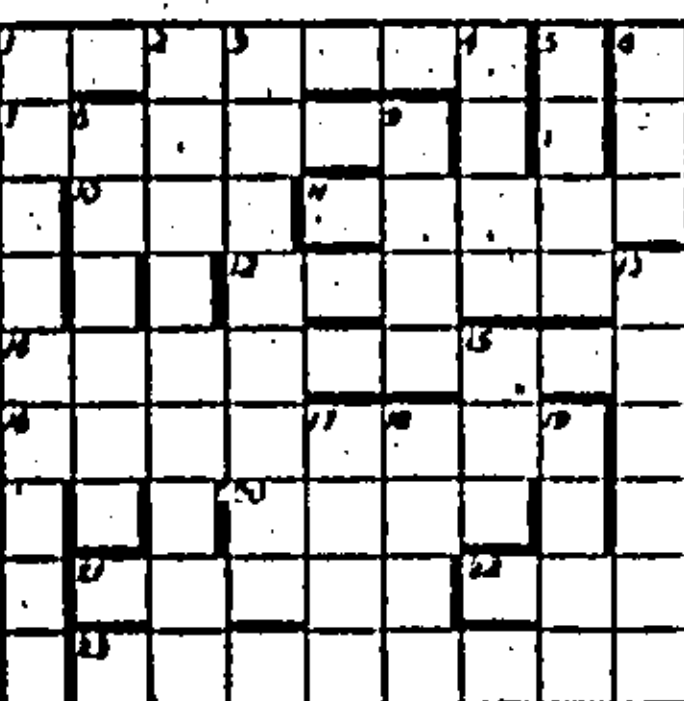
CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL
Black, 9 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1, Q-B3, any; 2, Q-R, B, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1 and 4. He knew just in this fashion. (3, 3, 4). Regard. (6)
10. Hoisting. (6)
11. Power. (3)
12. He's no drone. (6)
13. Absence of legal suit. (6)
14. 777 a rope that this way. (4-4)
15. He makes a real change. (4)
16. Could you call this man a woodsman? (6) 22. Just nothing. (3)
23. Due proportion. (6)
Down
1. Domain. (9) 2. Everlasting. (9)
3. The right place, no doubt, for and 4. (6, 5)
4. See 1.
5. Although it looks more, it's less than one. (6)
6. With a pin set like this you could get music. (6)
7. Hoisting. (6) 18. Actually. (6)
8. This thing is a deviation towards the north. (8)
9. Consider. (6) 19. Sparrow. (4)
10. Two of a kind. (8)

DUMB BELLS

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Check Your Knowledge

- For what fish product is the Pacific northwest of the United States noted?
- An Egyptian Prime Minister was assassinated recently. What is his name?
- What bird climbs down trees head first?
- What is the Greek name for Greece?
- What do the initials D.F. stand for in Mexico, D.F.?
- Who was the "Melancholy Dane"?

(Answers on Column 5)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Shadows Visit King Nep

—And He Tells Them About Christopher Columbus—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting at the edge of the brook, listening to the water, gurgling and splashing around the mossy rocks, and wondering where their friend King Nep could be. Usually they found him sitting under the shade of the willow tree that hung over the water, or dozing under one of the flat stones where the frogs always sit. But today, when they looked for him, he wasn't to be found in any of these places.

Then all at once, they heard little foot steps and the next moment, they saw him, coming along on the opposite bank, dressed all in green and carrying his three-pointed cane. Walking at his side, was a much taller person with reddish hair and bright eyes, and long silken hose and a cloak, and carrying a large bundle of maps under his arm.

"Yes, Christopher," King Nep was saying, "you finally got here! I knew all along you'd do it, even though every one else said you never would. But you were mighty brave, just the same, mightily brave, Christopher, mighty brave!"

Merry Chuckle

Then King Nep chuckled merrily and his friend Christopher smiled and said: "This is a pleasant place. I never really got this far up, you know. But where are all the Indians?"

King Nep was just starting to laugh merrily when he spied Knarf and Hanid. They both looked in such a puzzled way at the man called Christopher, that King Nep laughed.

Rupert and Margot—43



While Margot listens breathlessly Rupert tells what has happened. "These earthquakes were really made by a giant walking about," he explains. "And the house really was a doll's house. He made it for his little girl and left it under that cliff to dry, and he came and carried it off while you were in the cupboard. No wonder you got dizzy!" Suddenly he stops and clutches his arm. "Can you hear anything?" he whispers. "I believe someone's coming. We must hide at once!"

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RED RYDER



Look Out, Red

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"Nothing Is Made of Phosphorus"
Scientist's Denial

"LIBERTIES," wrote a film critic, "are taken with history in this film." It is difficult for producers to stick to historical facts.

When Miss Rula Ingham says plaintively, "Aw, can't I play Neenong der Longchow an many Peeder the Great?" what is the director to answer? Especially when he sees nothing historically inaccurate in the proposition.

In passing

FRENCH films are so very much better than any others that the Americans have a habit of buying them in order to destroy them, and then with staggering effort, re-making them.

But I was astounded to hear, the other day, that one of the finest French films ever made, "Monsieur Vincent," had been cut when shown in England because it was too long.

Nobody would ever take such a liberty, of course, with a sordid lump of drivel like (fill in to taste).

Forging ahead

IT is quite obvious from accounts of the Motor Show that if people could eat cars food would be more plentiful but no less monotonous. I wonder that nobody has said that the day is coming when you will be able to sit in a panelled cocktail-parlour in your car, with a television set, hot and cold water laid on, a telephone, a dog-kennel, a wardrobe, a sunken bath, and a little bit of dried egg on plastic bread.

What on earth?

A LEARNED correspondent has asked me to solve the following problem: What is the good of 88 birds of paradise to a tripe-dresser? Taking a long-term view, I should say that unless his name was Marsden he would have to walk backwards to get there.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Salmon. 2. Nokrashi Pasha. 3. The mullah. 4. Hellas. 5. Distrito Federal. 6. Hamlet.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

BORN today, you have a tremendous influence over people and hence you must use due caution in exerting it. Fortunately, your ideals are high and you have a deep compassion for those who are less fortunate than yourself. You are not one to conceal the truth, no matter how much it hurts. Once in the open, you feel that it will work itself out advantageously.

You do possess a degree of caution in your makeup which makes you sometimes rather slow in making up your mind. However, when it comes to getting a job done, once you have decided upon it, there is no one more persistent or conscientious in finishing the task. Your life may not be one of consistent comfort and ease, for there are too

many fluctuating cycles of change.

You have the courage and fortitude to get through your troubles with ease and to go on to something better.

Your ambitions are high and you are never satisfied with second place. You have a deep respect for the unknown and the unseen but your religious beliefs are not always the conventional ones. Your talents are many. Concentrate on one at a time if you are to develop each to its utmost. Home life is important, so be very careful in the selection of your marriage partner.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Definitely a better day for your personal advancement. Seek opportunities and make the most of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Avoid angry words, especially with someone you love, for there can be unfortunate repercussions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—The unexpected return of an old friend or the making of a new one may bring a good change and happiness.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Employees are especially favoured today. Guard your health. Avoid anxiety over minor troubles, and their disappearance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Continue yesterday's programme in high gear. Put forth your best efforts to get excellent results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Avoid having a difference of opinion with your best beloved! Keep steady nerves and, remain calm in an emergency.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Property is in good favour just now and any deal concerning the land should prove beneficial for you.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—New ideas should have a full testing period before you embark upon them. Use ingenuity to test them, however.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A good day for sociability, but indulge in it with due moderation. A fine merchandising day, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—New business may be coming your way, so be alert to opportunity. The home is favoured, also.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A romantic day. Make or receive a proposal, perhaps. Advance your interests immeasurably right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Use your best judgment in making any kind of an important decision. Be confident of the result.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Looks Forward To Economic Stability

Washington, Jan. 15.—While 750,000 prospective spectators of the Truman inaugural parade are chiefly concerned with what weather Thursday will bring, the country at large is deeply interested in the "economic climate" confronting the Truman administration this year.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$100,200.00. Transactions and closing prices were:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
GOVT. LOANS	100%	100%	\$20,000 @ 100%
BANKS	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
INSURANCES	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
GOVT. SECURITIES	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
SHIPPING	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
DOCKERS, ETC.	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
LAND, ETC.	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
UTILITIES	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
Peak Tram (O)	20	20	500 @ 21
Peak Tram (N)	20	20	500 @ 21
C. Light (R)	11	11	1500 @ 15
Electric (R)	30	30	300 @ 20 1/2
Macao Electric	20	20	300 @ 20 1/2
Rene	20	20	300 @ 20 1/2
STORIES, ETC.	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
Daily (N)	40	40	200 @ 45
Watson (O)	60	60	200 @ 61 1/4
Watson (N)	60	60	200 @ 61 1/4
COTTONS	100%	100%	10 @ 100%
Ewo	100%	100%	10 @ 100%

It is the consensus of many government and business economists here that inflationary and deflationary factors in the national economy are now about evenly balanced, and that approximate stability in the next year is reasonably probable.

Many government officials believe that President Truman's State of the Union and Budget messages and the reaction of the country to them were, on the whole, reassuring from the business standpoint.

But Republican spokesmen in Congress quickly revived the "economy" issue and the Senate has again turned to Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio, as the policy formulator.

Consequently, a long legislative struggle is expected on the Labor Law, taxation revision and any other features of the Truman programme which might be interpreted as excessive spending.

Members of both parties feel that Truman's recommendations substantially conform to his election campaign promises, but the question already widely asked is whether President Truman will be able to exact vigorous legislative leadership toward the enactment of his programme.—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Chicago Board of Trade grain prices were sharply lower most of the session today, with soybeans leading the decline on disappointment over the first quarter export allocations of fats, oils, peanuts and soybeans.

Near the close grains turned irregular, with wheat closing 1/4 lower to 3/4 higher, maize one cent lower, oats unchanged to one cent lower and soybeans 15/8 to 2-3/8 cents lower.

Closing prices:

WHEAT—per bushel.	Price
May	2.25 1/2
July	2.18 1/4
September	2.08 1/4
December	2.11 1/4
MAIZE	
May	1.43 1/4
July	1.43 1/4
September	1.38 1/4
December	1.32 1/4
RYE	
May	1.64 1/4 bid
WINNEPEG RYE	
May	1.50 1/4
July	1.48 1/4
October	1.46 1/4
BARLEY	
July	1.07 1/4
October	1.07 1/4

CHINA PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 15.

Commodity	Price
Aniseed Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	\$5.00-5.25
Cash Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	1.25-1.50
New York, per lb. F.O.B.	3.15-3.25
Sandwood, in drums, depending on quantity & quality	12.00 nominal
Tung Oil, in tank cars	0.23 1/4
F.O.B. New York per lb.	28.00/28.00
Beryllium, (10 to 12 percent)	0.54
Molybdenum, (50 percent)	0.54

Italo-Japanese Film Exchange

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—Japan and Italy are to exchange films.

The newly organized Italian Film Company in Tokyo plans to distribute 13 Italian films in Japan this year. They are expected to include the postwar success "Open City."

Japan may export to Italy documentaries showing native topics and various aspects of the Allied occupation.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS Canton will be closed as follows:

GPO—Parcels, January 20, 5 p.m.; Registered, January 21, 5 p.m.; Ordinary, January 22, 5 p.m.

Kowloon GPO—Parcels, January 20, 5 p.m.; Registered, January 21, 5 p.m.; Ordinary, January 22, 5 p.m.

This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about February 21. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., they will be posted close at 10 a.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, but are held earlier than the GPO closing times.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
Canton, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kowloon, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei 5:30 p.m.
Safon and Paris 5:30 p.m.
Batavia and Amoy 5 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung 5 p.m.
Hankow 5 p.m.
Pootow 5 p.m.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Commodity	Price
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	10.10
Gold bars (per 100)	300.75
Gold bars (per 100)	7.90
U.S. dollar (per 100)	33.30
Gold bars (per 100)	33.30
Gold bars (per 100)	33.30

N.Y. SCRAP MARKET

New York, Jan. 15.

Commodity	Price
Copper, F.O.B. per ton	US\$15.50/17.00
Lead, F.O.B. per ton	18.50/19.00
Steel, F.O.B. per ton (No. 1 heavy melting)	27.50/28.00

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kowloon, Luchow, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei 5:30 p.m.
Safon and Paris 5:30 p.m.
Batavia and Amoy 5 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung 5 p.m.
Hankow 5 p.m.
Pootow 5 p.m.

CONVERSATIONS ON HOLLAND'S PART IN W. EUROPE DEFENCE

The Hague, Jan. 16.—Political observers believe that Holland's contribution to the defence of Western Europe is under discussion in the course of conversations this week-end between Dutch Ministers and military chiefs and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Commanders-in-Chief of Western Europe.

A great step forward is expected, settling points left undecided during Lord Montgomery's visit to Holland last November when the talks were largely exploratory.

Russians Inciting Germans

Berlin, Jan. 16.—Appealing to their nationalistic feelings, the Russians today urged the German people to protest against the occupation statute which the Western Allies are preparing for Western Germany.

It was the second day in succession that the Russians incited the Germans to revolt against a Western power statute. On Saturday, they called for rebellion against the six-power statute for control of the industrial Ruhr.

The occupation statute would serve as a substitute for a delayed peace treaty in outlining what powers would be assigned to a Western German Government. The Western powers undertook this course after failing to agree with the Russians on even the rudiments of a German settlement.

The official Red Army newspaper, *Taegliche Rundschau*, blasted the forthcoming statute, claiming it would "completely deprive the German people of their rights."

WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES

The Soviet mouthpiece urged the German people to demand a peace treaty and the withdrawal of all occupation forces. This was proposed at last year's Soviet-led Warsaw conference of Eastern European Foreign Ministers and has since been repeated by the Russians here for propaganda purposes.

The German Communists converted their annual memorial service to Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, Communists who were killed by German militarists 30 years ago, into an attack against the Western Allies.

They linked it with a shrill defence of Max Reichmann, Western Germany's number one Communist, who is being brought to trial on Tuesday by the British Military Government on charges of threatening German officials who co-operate with the Ruhr statute.

The Communists claimed Reichmann was as much a martyr "as Liebknecht and Luxemburg." A proclamation by the Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity (Communist) Party accused the British of "cynical and arbitrary" action against Reichmann and "strangling elementary liberties."—Associated Press.

THREE MEN DETAINED

Berlin, Jan. 16.—German police in the American sector of Berlin today detained three men and broke up groups of people who were marching to the official demonstration held in the Soviet sector in honour of the first World War Communist leaders, Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht.

Police officials denied a Soviet-sponsored report that they had taken away Red flags from the demonstrators as they left the Western sectors.

The three men were released shortly afterwards. The police explained that demonstrations or gatherings of more than five persons could only be held with the permission of the sector authorities.

According to the account of the Soviet-licensed agency, ADN, 100,000 Berlin inhabitants filed past the

One of the most difficult questions to be decided is whether Holland can provide the sum for defence that Lord Montgomery expects. Another Dutch problem is that of manpower, nearly all available Dutch forces being in Indonesia, but it is reported that Holland has promised to place three divisions, an airborne brigade, armoured troops and aircraft squadrons at the disposal of the Western European Command.

The training of these forces will take time, even if peaceful conditions return rapidly to Indonesia. According to some observers, these difficulties will not stop Holland from making further sacrifices to play her full part in the combined defence programme for Western Europe.

On the financial side, the Dutch have been promised there will be no lack of equipment and that financial conditions will be fair. But Holland's economic position is such that the Finance Minister is moving very warily in agreeing to provide large additional sums for defence.

WILL HAVE TO DIG DEEP
He knows that the Dutch will have to dig deep into their pockets to meet the defence bill. But with a good portion of the arms and main equipment provided on some sort of lend-lease basis by the United States, Holland could pull its weight in the Western Europe's defence scheme.

On the military side, the Dutch forces in Indonesia total about 35,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, supplemented by about 34,000 regulars of the Indies Army, of whom about 60 percent are Indonesians.

It is hoped to withdraw at least 40,000 Dutch troops from Indonesia this year and a further 30,000 within 18 months.

At the present time, there are only three battalions of trained regular troops in Holland, together with about 25,000 recruits being called up for training annually.

Taking into consideration the high population increase, Holland could call on much larger numbers for military service, but military specialists do not feel this will be the solution nor does the Dutch Cabinet think that Holland's industry can be fully rehabilitated if there is a larger drain on manpower.—Reuter.

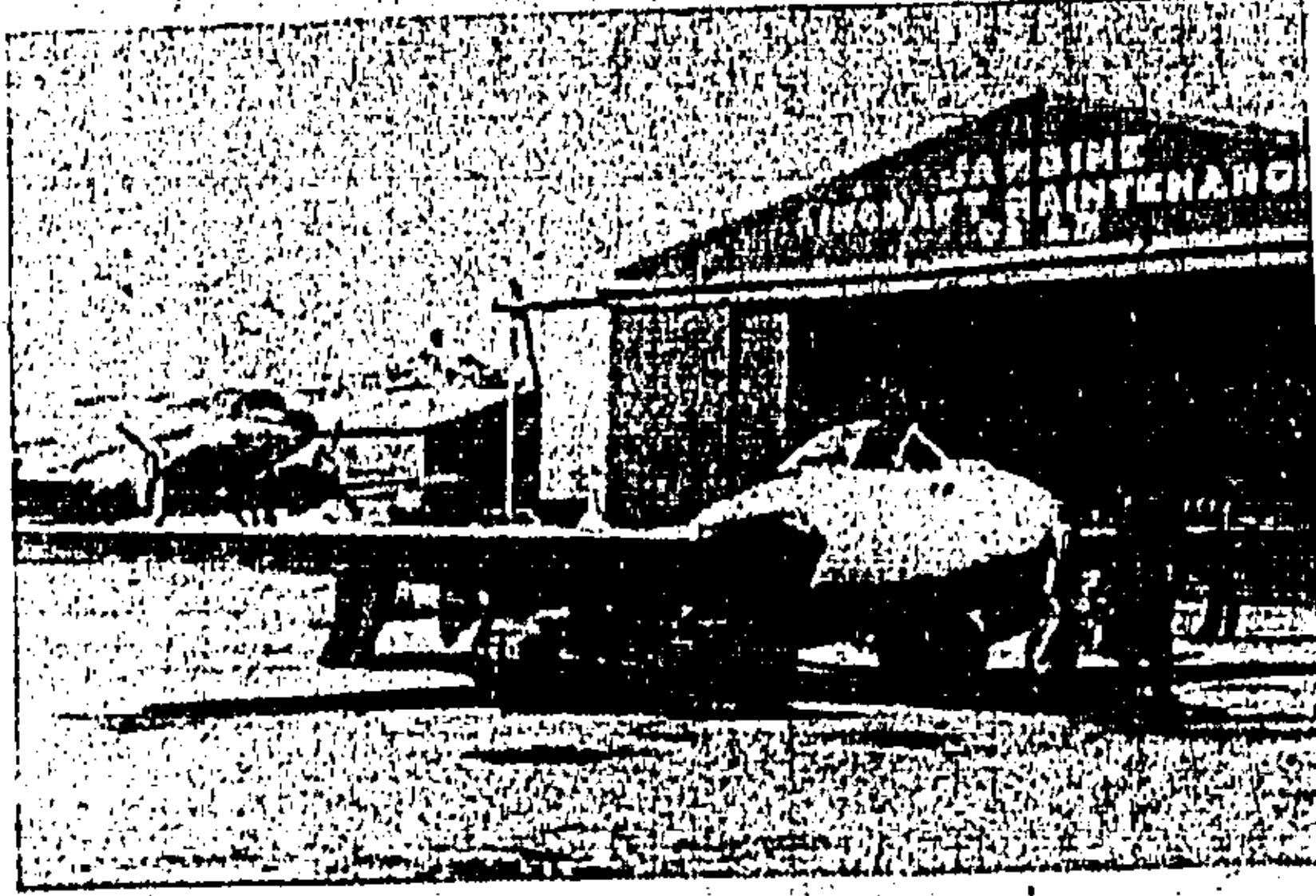
Shipbuilders Down Tools

Stockholm, Jan. 16.—A lightning strike in the Swedish Gotha shipyards, yesterday, when 300 men downed tools without warning, was described by a Metal Workers Union spokesman today as "the first of a series of strikes by Communists against the Government's wage and price stabilisation policy."

He said, the Communists have been agitating against the Government in Gothenburg and other industrial towns for some time.

The spokesman claimed that the strike was unofficial because the union did not give the legal week's notice. He added that if they do not resume work tomorrow, the union would bring the strike before a labour court.—Reuter.

Graves of the Communist martyrs of the abortive 1918 Revolution, Luxemburg and Liebknecht were assassinated on January 15, 1919.—Reuter.



Picture of the RAF Vampire jet fighter at Kai Tak just before it carried out demonstration flights on Saturday afternoon. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

Greek King Appeals For Formation Of Coalition Government

Athens, Jan. 16.—Greek political leaders tonight agreed to form a new Coalition Government after King Paul's appeal for an all-party "United Government of National Salvation." The 10 leaders, representing all legal political parties, decided to leave the King to choose the Premier of the new Cabinet.

LARGE MILL DESTROYED IN GREECE

Athens, Jan. 16.—One of the largest textile mills in the Balkans and Middle East was destroyed during the four days of fighting that raged in Naoussa, Greek industrial town 90 miles west of Salonika, according to a Greek General Staff communique.

The town was attacked by a large band of guerrillas early on Wednesday morning, but the communique said that on Saturday the rebels had been pushed seven miles northwest of the town.

Destruction of the textile mill—the Lanarax Kytalis—was described by its proprietor as a "major calamity and a serious blow to the national economy."

The mill employed 3,000 workers and the damage is said to exceed £1,500,000.

The communique said the extent of the damage in the town was "beyond description." All factories and public buildings and 200 houses had been destroyed or damaged. The mayor and three other officials had been murdered and 300 civilians had been abducted.

The communique made no mention of civilian or military casualties, which are believed to be high.—Associated Press.

NEW CABINET FOR TURKEY

Ankara, Jan. 16.—The Vice-President of the Turkish National Assembly, Semsettin Gunaltay, today met leading members of the People's Party for talks on the formation of a new Cabinet to succeed that of M. Hasan Saka, which resigned on Friday.

He has been asked by the Turkish President, General Inonu, who leads the People's Party, to form a new Government.

Observers here expected the new Cabinet to include several members of the outgoing Government. Indications were that Necmeddin Sadak would keep the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

The outgoing Minister of Public Works, Nihat Nerim, declined to serve in the new Cabinet. M. Gunaltay was reported to be trying to win over younger men to serve under him.

All newspapers today spoke of M. Gunaltay's "difficult task" in getting together a workable Cabinet to meet Turkey's financial and economic problems.—Reuter.

Hoffman To Meet US Shippers

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr Paul G. Hoffman, has called a meeting for January 18 of steamship operators and maritime union representatives following protests against the proposed cancellation of the Marshall Plan rule that half of all bulk cargoes must be carried in American ships.

Mr Hoffman, after ordering the rule to be abandoned from January 1, extended the deadline to February 1 in response to protests from the United States Maritime Commission.

Mr Hoffman said American shippers are substantially higher than those of foreign shipping lines and the continued use of American ships is waning deeply into available Marshall aid funds.—Reuter.

King Paul's appeal, which he read to the 10 leaders gathered at the Palace this morning, was short and took only three minutes. It stressed the King's hope for a Parliamentary solution.

"You are the leaders of the Greek people, elected by legal and honest elections," he said. Consequently, it is your duty to find a possible and practicable solution to the present political crisis."

Calling for an end to the political squabbles until complete peace has been restored in the country, he said it has been possible to hold new elections, the King added: "I am sure that in 24 hours you will prove to me, to the nation and to the world in general that parliamentary government, in which we all believe and in which you are responsible, has not failed at a moment of crisis, but can rise to the occasion and show itself worthy of the confidence which the Greek people placed in you, severally and collectively."

"I again call on your patriotism. Through my lips you have heard the voice of the Greek people. You are the leaders. Take the helm."

PARLIAMENTARY ELEMENTS

The King told the leaders that unless they formed an all-party "United Government of National Salvation" within 24 hours, he would have to call for a new election. "I hope Parliament will grant full support."

The King added: "If you are unable to give the solution I request, you will have failed the people's trust."

Usually well-informed quarters, doubting whether an all-party Cabinet could be achieved, said the general impression was that the King was resigned to seek a solution outside Parliament, but including some Parliamentary elements to avoid the new Cabinet being called "dictatorial."

The King did not directly answer an offer by four major party leaders, claiming the support of 250 of the 354 deputies in Parliament, to form a Coalition by tomorrow.

He replied to the offer in effect, however, by telling the 10 political leaders that the participation of all parties was an absolute condition for the formation of a new Coalition.—Reuter.

Protest Against Dutch Action In Indonesia

London, Jan. 16.—A protest demanding the withdrawal of Dutch troops from Indonesia, the release of the President and Ministers of the Republic, and independence for the Indonesian people, was taken by a deputation to the Netherlands Embassy in London today.

The protest was made on behalf of London residents from several Asiatic countries, African and Middle East territories, including the Sudan, and of British citizens.

It was stated the Dutch Ambassador left a message regretting he could not receive the deputation today but would do so some time in the week.

The protest had been read earlier to a mixed Asiatic, African, and British gathering in Hyde Park, in West London.

The Dutch action was condemned at a subsequent meeting in a London hall. A letter from Mr Harold Laski, former Chairman of the Labour Party, who was unable to attend the meeting, described the Dutch action in Indonesia as "an ugly rape."

Among the speakers were a Vietnamese, and two Indonesians.—Reuter.

ECA NOT WRITING OFF FORMOSA

Shanghai, Jan. 17.—U.S. diplomatic, Army and Navy quarters today remained tight-lipped on the part Formosa may play in their future plans, but the ECA made no effort to conceal the fact that the island is not to be written off American plans in the Far East.

Engineering projects totalling \$12,000,000 in ECA reconstruction electric power, sugar, fertiliser and rail programmes, are continuing without interruption. The ECA considers Formosa as a "large establishment" in its China programme, a spokesman said.

He added that the ECA was not looking as far as he knew, to what the U.S. Air Force or Navy plan to do with the island, but could say that "Formosa has a larger part in the ECA's China plans."

He said no order to halt engineering work on four separate projects had come through and no instructions to hold the actual start of construction in abeyance had been received. Final word, however, would have to come from ECA chief Paul Hoffman, he said.

NAVY VIEW
Navy officials here said that as far as they knew the Navy now has no advisory units in Formosa and no plans to set up any kind of new base there to which they could move the U.S. Western Pacific Fleet in the event of Tsingtao becoming untenable.

A Navy spokesman, asked what would make Tsingtao untenable, replied: "Presumably, and speaking personally, it would require a direct Communist assault on Tsingtao to force the Navy to move out its personnel, ships, and other movable installations." He expressed the belief that this would not happen in the foreseeable future.

Efforts to learn what the Navy policy regarding Tsingtao would be in the event that all China falls to the Reds brought the reply that such a decision would rest with Washington.

The same answers came from the U.S. Army. The Army Instruction team of 12 officers and 12 enlisted men, operating under the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group on Formosa, has received no new instructions. Efforts on their part to learn what the future holds have been unsuccessful.

SKELETON FORCE

The only thing known is that no orders have come through to suspend supply service to them. The Air Force section still there is a skeleton force of one or two planes with no regular duties and no regular flight schedules. The few remaining pilots and ground crewmen, however, have been alerted to prepare to join JUSMAG associates, who have been moved to Japan.

Reports that the Army personnel of JUSMAG will make their final move from Nanking shortly, persist, but efforts to obtain official confirmation at headquarters brought the same answers: always given—no orders received.—United Press.

BULLITT'S MISSION CRITICISED

New York, Jan. 16.—Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, in her syndicated column yesterday, suggested that Mr Bullitt's recent mission to China implied on the "prerogatives of the executive branch of our government."

Without mentioning Mr Bullitt by name, Mrs Roosevelt wrote she had "watched with interest the free advice given out by the gentlemen who were sent by the Congressional committee to look over the situation in China."

She added: "After all we should be getting through the State Department better information from and about China than any visitor—who could not possibly have the background of a trained observer, nor the knowledge of the past history in that area—can possibly furnish either the Congress or the President."

"There is no question but that Congress has the right to all information that any executive department has, but there is the saying that too many cooks spoil the broth."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Jew-Arab Peace Talks Going Well

London, Jan. 16.—M. Constantine Stavropoulos, the legal adviser to the acting Palestine Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, has told the Syrian Premier that all the Arab League nations will be asked to talk peace with the Jews in the event of a successful outcome of the negotiations in Rhodes between Israel and Egypt. It was reported from Damascus.

M. Stavropoulos talked with the Syrian Premier, Khaled El Azem, after his visits to Beirut and Amman to sound the Lebanese and Trans-Jordan Governments on the question of direct conferences with the Jews for peace in Palestine.

According to unconfirmed reports from Irbid, a United Nations aircraft was standing by at Haifa today to carry a Lebanese delegation to Rhodes if the Jewish-Lebanese preliminary peace talks going on "somewhere in the north" prove successful.

Meanwhile, the current Israeli and Egyptian armistice talks at Rhodes entered their fourth day today with the heads of both delegations grappling with the complex armistice details in private talks with Dr Bunche.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Usually well-informed sources on both sides reported the discussions to be "going well." Unconfirmed reports in conference circles said a tentative agreement had been reached on Faluja, the northern Negev pocket, where an Egyptian brigade has made a stand since last October. The Israelis were reported to have agreed to release the brigade with full military honours allowing it to return to the Egyptian lines, but only when an armistice had been agreed to.

Discussions were believed to be centred on the armistice lines.

British official opinion in London is reported to suggest that Egypt may ask Britain to send troops to deal with the threat of internal disorder under the terms of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936. Information reaching London from Cairo confirms that the present political situation remains confused as a result of the blows to Egyptian military prestige in Palestine.

KING FAROUK

There is no indication, however, that the present Egyptian Government, any more than its predecessor, would invoke the treaty with Britain. The fact that Egypt has not invoked the military clauses of the treaty during the recent Jewish incursion into Egyptian territory lends observers to believe that Egypt would be still less likely to do so to settle internal political unrest.

Rumours that King Farouk is contemplating leaving his country if the situation in Cairo gets out of hand are treated in London with the utmost reserve.

Officials state that security measures for the King's personal safety were, it is believed, strengthened after the murder of Nokrashy Pasha, but to conclude from this that the King is preparing to flee the country is to go beyond anything that the evidence at present available in London warrants.—Reuter.

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